

FURTHER LEAVES FROM
ASSAM.

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TO

My loving mother,

MRS. CLARA M. TRAVER.

PREFACE.



SOME of my missionary friends in Assam have expressed a wish that I continue my Journal. They find my "Twenty Years in Assam" useful in looking up dates, and getting a continuous outline of the work.

The book has also helped friends at home to get some idea of our life and work in India.

May God use this second little book to His praise, is my prayer.

JESSIE T. MOORE.

NOWGONG, ASSAM, INDIA.

July 8th, 1907.

ASSAM: THE PROVINCE.

Assamese :	}	People of Aryan descent, who have for centuries inhabited the Brahmaputra Valley.
Abors	}	Hill Tribes, non-Aryan people.
Dufas		
Garos		
Kacharis		
Lalungs		
Mikirs		
Miris		
Mishmis		
Nagas		
Rabbhas		
Singphos		
Sadiya	}	Plains Stations.
Dibrugarh		
North Lakhimpur		
Sibsagar		
Golaghat		
Jorhat		
Tezpur		
Nowgong		
Gauhati		
Goalpara	}	Hill Stations.
Dhubri		
Tura	}	Hill Stations.
Kohima		
Impur—Headquarters of Ao Naga Mission.		
Ukrul	„ „	Tangkhul Naga Mission.
Tika	„ „	Mikir Mission.

PRONUNCIATION OF ASSAMESE VOWELS.

a,	as in father.
e,	as in prey.
i,	as in machine.
o,	as in Chromo.
u,	as oo in poor.
ai,	as in aisle.
au,	as ow in now.

VERNACULAR WORDS DEFINED.

Salaam : Salutation.

Compound : Yard ; enclosure around a dwelling.

Bungalow : House of better class, as distinguished from common native huts.

Ghor : A native dwelling-house, usually small thatched huts.

Sahib : Sir

Padri Sahib : Missionary.

Mem Sahib : Married lady.

Ayah : Native nurse.

Babu : Native gentleman.

Soyce : Native groom.

Zillah : Station ; headquarters of a district.

Mofussil : Camp. The country in opposition to the city.

Nam Ghor : A public meeting-house for Hindus. It answers for a Town Hall, used for both religious and secular gatherings.

Puja : Worship ; in which sacrifice and offerings generally preponderate.

Dak : Mail.

Dak Walla : Mail carrier.

Backshees : Alms.

Rupee : Indian coin, value about '33 cents.

Anna : One-sixteenth of a Rupee.

Pice : One-fourth of an Anna.

Fakir : A religious mendicant.

Pandit : Teacher.

Jesu Kristo : Jesus Christ.

Eswar : God.

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approval at this by a very ill-tempered growl, and turned round and tried to charge the elephants. The noise of his angry growls called his mate to the rescue, and he also came out of his hiding and charged at the elephants. So for a moment there were both of the tigers charging at once. However, one of them was too much hurt to come very fast, and the other one that was not hurt was only playing a game of bluff. So the wounded one soon stopped his charge, and began to nurse his broken leg, while the other one turned away in another direction and made off to cover before we could stop him.

"The elephants did not quite like this sort of sport, so when the tigers charged with their angry noises, the elephants, thinking prudence the better part of valor, turned tail and bolted. When we could get them once more under control, we went after the tiger that was not wounded, but could not again come on him. So we turned to see what had become of the wounded one. He, too, had managed to get away into thick jungle cover, and it came on night before we could find him, though he left a trail of blood behind him for quite a distance.

"The next morning we went out again to try to find our wounded tiger. After some looking about we came upon him hidden in so thick a cover of grass and vines and brush that we could not see him, though he was not more than 20 feet from us. He was in a large fissure in the ground, left by the great earthquake of 1897. This was not a good place for the elephants to move around, as they were in danger of stepping into these great cracks in the earth. So they were at considerable disadvantage. Besides there was such a strong thorny bush bramble behind which the tiger was hiding, that they did not like to brush against it to trample it down. We could not see where the tiger lay, so could not shoot him. He had much the advantage in the position, and there he lurked and held us all at bay. When the elephants approached too near, he made a rush at them with a snarling roar, and they fled in fear. But Mr. Tiger

knew too well the advantage of his position to leave it. So he simply made a dash at the elephants to frighten them back, and then returned to his cover. We could not get sight of him to shoot, and the elephants were careful not to get near enough for him to bite them, though he did once give my elephant a scratch on her trunk. Some little time was spent in trying to get a sight of him for a shot. But every time he made a dash at them the elephants beat a hasty retreat, and finally we had to look up a long bamboo pole, and poke that into the underbrush to start him from his hiding. Gradually the tramping about of the elephants broke down the jungle and vines that screened him from view, and he was finally exasperated by the pole poking at him, till in one of his charges he came out into sight, and a bullet from one of the guns ended his fight. Then we got him up on to Uncle Penn's elephant and brought him to the Rest-house to skin him.

"The whole village—men, women and children—turned out to see the fallen foe, and there was great rejoicing that he would no longer be able to kill more of their cattle. Many were the execrations wasted on his dead form, *i.e.*, 'You are the rascal that killed my cow'; 'Now you've gotten your deserts for taking away my goats'; 'Let's see if you will kill any more of our buffaloes,' etc., etc.

"Well, Uncle Penn skinned him with some little help, and we stretched out the skin on the ground to dry, and the next day I took it home to the station and cured it as best I could in the sun. It was left with your mother to say what should be done with the skin. She decided that it should be sold, and the proceeds sent to Clara, for a birthday present for her twentieth birthday, to help her on with her education. So that is the end of the tiger story.

"When you see your Uncle Penn he will be able to tell you about shooting a good number of tigers and leopards. But this adventure was a very interesting one in its way, and it ended quite satisfactorily, except that we all felt very sorry that we let the other tiger get away.

“ The day I went to the station with the skin of this tiger, Uncle Penn went on towards their home in the Mikir Hills. That evening he shot another tiger, and put in poison and killed another still. So in three days he had the work of skinning three tigers that fell victims to his skill and strategy. Here endeth the second chapter.

“ Your Mamma has been hinting rather pointedly to me of late that it is time to write Clara a letter for her birthday anniversary on the 8th March, 1901. But I did not get round to attend to it while in the station. Now I have been obliged to write as best I could, sitting here in camp in my tent and holding the paper in my lap while I write.

“ We think very often and pray much for our Clara, and it is cause for great satisfaction and gratitude that she is improving her time and opportunities in preparation for future usefulness. For myself I have no specific advice to offer at this distance. But you have many friends and good advisers there, and we ask for you the guidance from above. No doubt God has a plan for each life, and guides, in His own good way, those who are responsive to His leading. Sometimes we are sorely perplexed to know whether the leading is God's, but even that perplexity may be part of the training to keep us in conscious touch with Him. We have not been able to settle on any plans for the future years, as to when it is wisest to go for a rest and change. To go just now seems to involve a sacrifice of the work in the district that is as much as life is worth. God is giving us a good measure of health and strength at present; and it is the greatest satisfaction of life to serve Him here where He has placed us. I am sure we love our Clara no less, though we see so little of her. The Lord bless thee and keep thee, is the prayer of your very loving Papa

CAMP RAHA :

P. H. MOORE.”

Jan. 24, 1901.

As a sequel to the above I want to say that it was the bullet that Pitt fired that killed the tiger. Bro.

Penn had the bullet dug out of the tiger's flesh, and it was the one fired from the gun Pitt held. Pitt is too modest to own that he killed the tiger. This is the second tiger Pitt has actually killed. Penn is very pleased when his older brother kills a tiger. To continue the tiger story, the skin was sent to Calcutta and sold there for \$50 or Rs. 150. This \$50 was sent to Clara as a birthday present, along with the letter giving the tiger story.

December 21.—We went to Gauhati, and arrived there by train at 4 P.M.

December 22.—Our big tent was raised this afternoon on the Gauhati Mission compound, and by 5 P.M. we were nicely settled in it, and ready for the Conference. In the evening most of the missionaries arrived, and at the dinner-table we arranged a temporary organization. Sunday at 10 A.M. Mr. Stephen preached. His text was Isaiah xlv. 24. In the afternoon Pitt preached in Assamese from Acts xvi. 30, 31. The Gauhati missionaries had everything arranged very nicely for entertaining our 35 missionaries. Mr. Boggs worked very hard to get the new schoolhouse ready for Conference. One of the two large rooms is used for the meetings, and the other one as dining-room. The three small classrooms are used as sleeping-rooms during Conference. Miss Mary J. Huth was our only visitor. I will give the list of missionaries and copy Pitt's report, which will tell what was done in the meetings.

Our Father blessed and encouraged us in the prayer and praise meetings. The social intercourse with our fellow-missionaries was most delightful. On Christmas Eve we gathered around the tree prepared for the 12

children, some of whom are soon to go to America for their education. After Santa Claus had distributed the presents from the tree, a large trunk was brought in, and presents given to the older folks, which had been collected from loved ones in America through the very kind thoughtfulness of Mr. and Mrs. Haggard. We received nice presents from mother, Clara and others. Clara's new photo is a delight to us.

We are all so sorry Mr. and Mrs. Haggard had to go back from London to assist Dr. Mabie in the home work. Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Phillips and Mrs. Gurney have returned to Assam. Our new workers, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Dowd, will go to Impur. Miss Gertrude Wherett has come to Gauhati, and Miss Anna E. Long to Nowgong. Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Petrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen must soon go on furlough. Probably Miss Morgan, too, will go home.

LIST OF ASSAM MISSIONARIES.

MISSIONARIES PRESENT.

Rev. W. F. Dowd and wife	..	Impur.
„ S. W. Rivenburg, M.D., and wife	..	Kohima.
„ W. Pettigrew and wife	..	Ukrul, Manipur.
„ A. J. Parker	..	Dibrugarh.
Mrs. A. K. Gurney	..	Sibsagar.
Rev. John Firth and wife	..	North Lakhimpur.
„ O. L. Swanson and wife	..	Golaghat.
„ P. H. Moore and wife	..	Nowgong.
Miss Lolie Daniels	..	„
„ Anna E. Long	..	„
Rev. P. E. Moore and wife	..	Among the Mikirs.
„ J. M. Carvell „ „	..	„ „
„ C. E. Burdette „ „	..	Gauhati.

Rev. S. A. D. Boggs and wife	..	Gauhati.
Miss Henrietta Morgan	..	..
„ Isabella Wilson	..	..
„ Gertrude L. Wherett	..	..
Rev. A. E. Stephen and wife	..	Goalpara.
„ M. C. Mason	„	„
„ E. G. Phillips	„	„
Miss Ella C. Bond	..	..
„ Stella H. Mason	..	..

GUEST.

Miss Mary J. Hith	..	Independent Mis-
<i>Miss Smith</i>		sion to Daphlas.

MISSIONARIES ABSENT.

Rev. E. W. Clark and wife	..	Impur.
„ C. F. Petrick	„	Sibsagar.
„ G. G. Crozier, M.D., and wife	..	Tura.
„ A. K. Gurney	..	In Calcutta.
„ W. Dring and wife	..	In the U.S.
„ F. P. Haggard and wife	..	„
„ J. Paul and wife	..	„
„ S. A. Perrine and wife	..	„

*Copy of the Report of Conference P. H. Moore wrote
for "The Baptist Missionary Magazine."*

"I wish I could give the readers of the magazine a true picture of the Conference of your missionaries in Assam, just held in Gauhati, December 22nd to 31st. The end of the year 1900 found 42 missionaries on the field; of these 18 are men, 17 are wives, and 7 unmarried ladies. Of the 42, four are new missionaries who just reached Assam this month, and three have just returned from

furlough. Thirty-five of us met in Conference. Our sweetest music was the merry laughter and glad voices of a dozen happy children ; only sometimes that music touched the minor chord ; for some of the little ones were ill ; and the thought of the early prospective parting from these sweet songsters was ever and anon tugging like a leaden weight at the hearts of mothers and fathers, themselves none too strong to bear that cruel burden. The meeting is a great occasion for us in Assam. Most of us had not seen each other since a similar meeting held in Dibrugarh nearly two years ago ; nor had we attended any other such meeting in all that time. Our most distant member travelled 18 days, with wife and two small children, in order to be with us, and he will have to go back to his field over that same long weary road. Some of the readers of the magazine doubtless thought it a long and tedious journey to cross the continent from Boston to San Francisco to attend the Anniversary Meetings two years ago ; and so it was. But you could travel in luxurious palace cars, reach San Francisco, attend the meetings and get nearly back to Boston while the missionary was threading his way, first along a mountain bridle path, then by bullock train, going at the rate of about two miles per hour, and later on in a wearisome railway constructive train in order to meet with fellow-workers in Conference.

“ Our Conference was preceded by months of prayer for God’s blessing to rest upon it. Both the attending and non-attending members, and many praying hearts in the homeland had united in these prayers ; and when we met together we knew that God in heaven had heard and answered, and a great blessing was ours.

“ I shall not weary you with an account of our programme for each day. Suffice it to say that *efficiency* was the keyword of the whole week. Not that this word had been given us beforehand to guide us in our preparations for the meeting ; but it seemed to be the supreme and common thought of all ; and without any preconcerted action, this desire for efficiency for service

seemed spontaneously to come to the front as the vital force, moulding all our activities, both in devotion and deliberation, for the attainment of effective power and effective methods of work.

“ Under this controlling thought was presented to us first in our worship the theme : “ The Lord our righteousness and strength.” All through our deliberations that which overshadowed all else was the effort to secure the highest attainable degree of efficiency in the utilization of all our forces as a mission for Christ. With this end in view a Constitution and By-laws were adopted, and Standing Committees chosen, and their work defined. We are widely scattered in Assam, and it is difficult for us to be of much mutual help to each other ; but it is hoped that we are now in the way of more concerted and effective action.

“ Our deliberations were happily but briefly interrupted on Christmas Day, by services both morning and evening. In the morning we were led to think of the various classes and different motives of men who search for Him that is born King of the Jews, but rightful King of all men, even King of kings, the King eternal. The evening was devoted to a Christmas Tree, and the attendant happiness of the children, young and old. To many friends in the homeland thanks are due for adding to the joy of the occasion.

“ During the week we listened to reports from our several fields. In these reports, while the hindrances and obstacles were not concealed, the preponderating note was that of victory. The Lord is doing great things for us, whereof we are glad. Look out for these reports and also for statistics of progress in the published pamphlets, and in the annual reports in the July magazine. Your District Secretary will be able to put you in the way of getting these in due time. We sang, we prayed, and we talked and planned. Two of our hymns were original compositions sent to us by Dr. Witter, who remembers the first one of this series of Conferences of our missionaries, and who cannot refrain from proclaiming his

faith and hope for the redemption of sin-enslaved Assam :—

“ Oh coming King, make haste, make haste,
Gird on Thy conquering sword;
Redeem this land by sin laid waste,
And thus fulfil Thy word ;
From sea to sea assert Thy sway ;
Leave no frontiers unclaimed ;
Assam must hail Thy glorious day,
And ‘ Hephzibah ’ be named.”

“ Would that all the readers of the magazine might be thrilled with such an enthusiasm as his.

“ We heard letters read from our absent members—some of them now in America in search of renewed health and vigor for more effective service—all expressing in one way and another the longing for the coming of the Kingdom, and for an active part in the warfare with the enemy of our Lord.

“ The Necrologist, too, had items for us, for our ranks have been broken since last we met in Conference, and some of our brightest and bravest souls have been promoted. There were also services in the vernacular for the benefit of the native Christians of Gauhati, who welcomed us as their fellow-labourers in the Lord.

“ The interest of our meetings culminated on Lord’s Day, the last Sunday of the year and of the century, in services of deep interest and power. From Christ’s words : ‘ I am the bread of life,’ we received the message as to the *source* of all efficiency. Hunger and fatigue are the two sentinels who mark the limitations of human effort. Jesus said : ‘ I am the food to satisfy your *hunger*, and I will give you *rest*.’

“ The evening was devoted to a praise service, but the praise was not in the jubilant key. There was indeed heartfelt praise ; but there was an undertone of seriousness that solemnized the exultation. Nearly one-third our number have been directed by Physician’s certificates to take furlough, and seek recuperated health before it is too late.

“ Brethren at home, do you *realize what that means ?*

We here in Assam are not an army, but only a small advanced guard. Will you make an honest quarter of an hour's effort to think what it means to have one-third of our number invalided home? How is work that is now just fairly under way, and which God is blessing and making fruitful through the labour of missionaries, to be cared for during their absence? During the year 1900 one of our stations has been left without its missionary. During the year 1901 two stations must be so left; and the only way to save a third station from a like fate is to add the care of it to the burden of a neighbouring missionary, who not only has already more work than he can attend to on his own field, but who has been medically advised to go on furlough to avoid the danger of a breakdown that may permanently interfere with his usefulness. How are we to go on aggressively with the work, when one-third of our number are ordered home, and only half as many come out to reinforce us?

"Our Captain is ordering us forward, and our sufficiency is in Him. But you in the homeland are coupled with us on the field for taking this land for the Christ of God; and we entreat you to share with us the efforts for efficiency in this work."

P. H. MOORE.

ASSAM CONFERENCE HYMN.—1900.

CHRIST, CHRIST ALONE IS KING.

Tune: Italian.

I.

Oh! holy Paraclete,
Thy Pentecost repeat,
Gird us with power,
Christ's conquering love to share;
To feel our Lord's world-care,
And faithful witness bear
From this glad hour.

II.

A lost Assam we see,
Sunk in iniquity,
By Satan won :
From its long blight and shame
This land we will reclaim :
Through Jesus' mighty name
" It can be done."

III.

Thine energy bestow
And we will swiftly go,
Thy heralds true,
And claim Christ's Kingly right
To give this land His light,
Conquer Satanic might,
And hope renew.

IV.

Hail, hail the glorious day,
When Wrong shall have its way
On earth no more ;
And through Assam shall ring,
" Christ, Christ alone is King,
To Him all tribute bring,
Hence, evermore."

—*William Ellsworth Witter.*

MRS. ALBERTA SUMNER PARKER.

By REV. P. H. MOORE.

A human life ! Who can tell the story of a human life ?
Its beauty, its joy, its struggles, its achievements, its
pathos, its consummation.

Given to the world as Alberta Sumner at Ottumwa, Iowa, U.S.A., Jan. 15th, 1866; taken out of the world as Mrs. A. J. Parker at Dibrugarh, Assam, July 18th, 1900. These were the termini of the life on earth. Between these termini the race was run, the victory won.

From birth to death she travelled half the circuit of the globe; to our finite wisdom, she seems to have completed but half the cycle of allotted lifetime.

Born from above at the age of 16, she spent the larger part of her life in union with Christ, as a member of His visible kingdom, which she loved and for which she laboured. Born of the Spirit, the fruits of the Spirit were manifest in her life and character.

Abiding in Christ as the branch in the vine, the result of that vital union was a transformation,—a disposition naturally gentle and sympathetic was moulded after the Divine pattern, and the lineaments of the model life were traced on the tablets of her heart.

Of the details of Mrs. Parker's early life I have no information. I never heard her talk of the inner experience of her heart. What I saw of her was that which shone forth spontaneously, as the light that cannot be hid. A sentence from one of her letters reads:—"I'm longing to grow in grace, and patience, and sweetness; I really do hunger after righteousness such as J. R. Miller tells of, and Jesus teaches so plainly."

Having been born of the will of God, and become a child of the Heavenly Father, she surrendered herself fully to Christ, and entered into hearty sympathy with His purposes and plans for the restoration of a lost and sin-ruined race, by bringing them back to God. Her share in this work she believed was in behalf of the women and children; and to this she consecrated her life, and all her powers. For some years she was occupied with this work in her native land. There she approved herself as a workman that needeth not be ashamed. Then the call came for her to leave her home, and take up the same work in a foreign land and for an alien race. Rev. H. Williams, who was her pastor at that time, tells with

what joy and zeal she responded to that call when God opened up the way before her.

Leaving her home on the 31st July, 1896, and sailing for the foreign field on the 26th September, she reached Nowgong on the 24th November of that year, and entered at once into the work of the women's department. No one could doubt the genuineness of her interest in, and love for the women and children for whom she laboured; and her adaptation for that work was manifest. Love and devotion to Christ her Saviour was the mainspring of her activities, and carried her steadily forward in her work. Even the loathsome repulsiveness of sin-stained lives could not deter her, but rather was looked on as an additional evidence of the need of bringing the victims of sin to the Redeemer of sinners, for salvation from its guilt and power.

In 1898, a true man's love was proffered to her, and her heart responded to it with womanly devotion. She was married to Rev. A. J. Parker on September 8th of that year, and unitedly they went forward in the Master's service. In June of 1899, they were transferred from Nowgong to Dibrugarh to carry on the work of that important station. With her husband she began visiting the villages there, and telling the Old, Old Story to the women and children. Together they planned, and together they laboured. God knows how high their hopes and how earnestly they sought wisdom for the great undertaking committed to them. To us it seems an inscrutable wisdom that could remove her from that work just as she was entering efficiently on it.

But the human life has been made the partaker of the Divine life, and awaited its consummation. The beauty of the human must reach its perfection in the unfading beauty, and its joy be completed in the joy everlasting. She rests from her labours and her works do follow her. The pathos of life worked out the exceeding and eternal weight of glory. There still remains that final consummation when this mortal shall put on immortality, and death be swallowed up in life. In our sense of bereave-

ment and loss, we can still look up and say: "He hath done all things well."

"Gentlest of spirits! not for thee
Our tears are shed, our sighs are given,
Why mourn to know thou art a free
Partaker of the joys of Heaven?
Finished thy work, and kept thy faith,
In Christian firmness unto death;
And beautiful as sky and earth,
When Autumn's sun is downward going. •
The blessed memory of thy worth
Around thy place of slumber glowing."

- *Whittier.*

Thus ends the year 1900, and also the century. On the 31st Dec. I returned to Nowgong in company with Miss Daniels and Miss Long. Mr. Moore stayed in Gauhati to finish some business and take down the big tent, and a couple of days later he returned to Nowgong.

II.

VISIT TO AMERICA.

January 1, 1901.—The beginning of the new century, and a happy new year for us all.

January 4.—At our Quarterly Covenant meeting to-day there were seven requests for baptism, four of whom were schoolgirls.

January 6.—Sunday. At 9 A.M. we went to the river and Pitt baptized Mohesor, Neruda, and Nomra. After the 11 A.M. preaching service we partook of the Lord's Supper. Sunday School Examination and prize-giving at 3 P.M. to-day.

January 18.—Pitt is starting out in camp to be gone a couple of weeks. Word came in this mail of the marriage of my Bro. Ed. C. Traver and Miss Dora B. Gibbons. Bro. Rufus M. Traver performed the ceremony, and the happy event took place at Bro. Alvah's home in Albany, N.Y.

We have had some cold mornings this week for Now-gong. Mercury was at 50° at 7 A.M. in our front verandah. I had to ride my bicycle to get warm.

January 19.—Bro. Penn Moore and wife and their Carey boy sailed from Calcutta on the 16th inst. for California. They took home with them Olive and Eleanor Mason. These little girls have had so much

fever in Tura that they need to leave Assam. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will soon go home on account of Mrs. Clark's poor health, and they will take home Narola Rivenburg from Kohima. This separation from children is the hard part of missionary life. Mr. and Mrs. Petrick will go to Germany, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and two children to Scotland for their furlough.

Mrs. Swanson may soon take their two small boys to U.S.A.

January 23.—A telegram was received this morning which was sent from Calcutta to Nowgong. It read thus: "Her Majesty the Queen is dead." We suppose Queen Victoria died last evening, and it was soon cabled to Calcutta. What a loss to England! In how many countries her death will be mourned!

Pitt writes he is greatly enjoying his camp work of telling out the Good News of Salvation through Jesus. There were 22 baptisms on our field last year, and now there are several waiting for baptism in places Pitt will soon visit. Near Boka's place some Garos are asking for baptism, and they are building a little chapel.

These Garos have come to this district to get work on a tea-garden.

January 27.—Her Majesty Queen Victoria died at Osborne Castle at 6-30 P.M. on the 22nd Jan., 1901. The Prince of Wales has been proclaimed king. He is now *King Edward The Seventh*, King of Great Britain and Ireland, and Emperor of India.

January 28.—We heard from Bro. Penn Moore that little Olive Mason has been very ill with fever. It is so hard for the parents to send their children home, but as regards health and education it is best for the children

to go. Mrs. Rivenburg said to me : " I don't know what life will be like after Narola goes." Mrs. Boggs has decided to send Louise (six years old) home with Miss Morgan.

Mr. Swanson will have charge of the Sibsagar field, in addition to his own field Golaghat, while Mr. Petrick goes home to Germany.

The Gauhati missionaries now have good bungalows. The schoolhouse is fine for our Conferences.

We hope to meet there again after two years. One afternoon during Conference week, some of our missionaries climbed Kamikhia hill to see the old Hindu temple and get a good view of Gauhati. Some rich Hindu has given money to repair the temple, as it was considerably injured by the big earthquake of June 12th, 1897. Gauhati has changed much since the earthquake ; there are very few brick buildings there now. The pretty views of the river and the hills about Gauhati remain the same.

The new Assamese Dictionary, by the late Hem Chandra Barua of Gauhati, is published by Government. We hope now there will be some standard for Assamese spelling.

January 31.—Yesterday I went to call on an Assamese woman I had never before visited. As I was passing her house one day she came out and asked me for a leaflet to read. She met me very pleasantly when I went to call last evening, and gave me a seat. I took her a little book, " The Good News," and found she could read it nicely. When I asked her where she learned to read, she replied that she used to attend the little school for girls that was held at Babu Gunaveram's house. I remember the school, and how Gunaveram used to have an annual examination and prize distribution in memory of his daughter. Some of Miss Keeler's girls used to gō

to this examination and compete for the prizes. The woman I visited said she remembers Miss Keeler. I found she has read the Gospel somewhat, and can tell some things about Christ.

February 9.—Pitt has been at home for one week. Now he is off to Messa. He wants to visit the little churches at Udmari, Balijuri, and Kothiatoli this month. I came across this sentence in reading, and it made me think of Pitt: "He always makes his people think that his time is theirs, as long as he can be of service to them."

Pitt never appears impatient and as if in a hurry to be off, even though crowded with work.

February 26.—I have been out to Udmari to attend the little associational meeting (Feb. 22nd to 24th) of our churches in the Nowgong District. There were 80 persons in attendance.

Miss Long and Miss Daniels went, and took the ten girls in the boarding department of their school. They occupied the big Mission tent. Pitt and I occupied the chapel, and Miss Long and Miss Daniels came to the chapel for meals with us. The Udmari chapel is not big enough for the meetings of the Association, so they built a big temporary shed in front of it, and under this shed the meetings were held. The Christians sat on some mats on the ground. We had prayed for God's blessing on these meetings, and we feel that our prayers were answered. Each morning we began with Scripture reading and prayer. During the meetings some of the subjects were—"We should be helpers together with God"; "What are you doing for the salvation of your countrymen?" "Giving for the Lord's work"; and "How can we best witness for Christ." Each church

reported. There were meetings in both Assamese and Hindi, and a good deal of singing in Assamese, Bengali and Hindi. The Udmari Christians built temporary cook-houses and supplied firewood and water for all. All seemed united and anxious to do the Lord's work.

These Munda Christians of Udmari and Balijuri shake hands in salutation instead of salaaming. I went to some of their houses, and also had a walk through a tea-garden near by, and picked some leaves and blossoms from a tea bush. Pitt was kept very busy with questions to settle, and giving medicine to the sick, and selling books, etc. We took with us our servants and everything we needed in the way of food, dishes, table, chairs, stretchers, bedding, etc. We had some large Bible pictures which interested the people. It is hoped Samuel will start a Sunday School at Udmari. Very few of these Munda Christians can read. They came to Assam from Central India as coolies on the tea-gardens.

There is a division in the church at Balijuri. A Church-of-England man (a native evangelist) has gone there to work, and a part of the Baptist brethren and sisters have gone over to him and his faith, and they have built a separate chapel in which to hold their services. These little village chapels have thatch roofs, reed walls plastered over, and raised earth floors. The people usually sit on the ground. If we only had good pastors for these village churches!

February 27.—A little excitement in Nowgong last evening on account of a fire. Five native families were burned out of house and home. When a native house with thatch roof catches fire, there is very little hope of saving it; the only thing is to tear it down as quickly as possible and lessen the danger of the fire spreading.

The year's supply of " dhan " (unhusked rice) was nearly all burned, as their rice was stored in their granaries near their dwellings. The fire was on the opposite bank of our Kulling river.

February 28.—This is the time of year for native weddings. I followed a Hindu wedding procession this morning. The bridegroom rode on an elephant. The bride was carried in a small covered palanquin. I saw her carried into the yard of her new home, but she kept her head covered with her cloth. As they entered the yard the women sang about the bride and her mother-in-law.

Last evening the bridegroom went for his bride, the feasting had been going on for several days. I was told the " Bamoon " (a high caste man) read " Mantras " or Sanskrit slokas (couplets and verses) to the happy couple, and also burned in the fire some " Gheu " (clarified butter made from buffalo's milk), rice, flowers, etc., to purify them, and asked if there were any objections.

Among the low castes, the giving and receiving of presents, and a feast, is all there is of it, and constitutes marriage. The company sang their native songs, and the boys used their musical instruments, fifes, clashing cymbals, drums, etc. They are very noisy over a Hindu wedding. After a night of merry-making the bridegroom takes his bride, accompanied by a procession of friends, to his home. We always know when such a procession is passing our bungalow because of the noise.

I saw another procession, but it was the betrothal only, and the little bride-to-be was left with her mother for the present, and was not in the procession.

March 1.—Rev. A. J. Parker, of Dibrugarh, is making

us a little visit. The new Census in Assam is being taken to-day. We had to answer some written questions as to nationality, occupation, age, etc.

March 3.—I went to call on an Assamese woman. Lolie and I call her "our nice woman," because she seems so pleased to hear the Gospel. We had great hopes of her until some stiff Hindu neighbour told her not to listen to us. I found, in talking with her, that it was her sister who was married last week. I inquired some more about the wedding ceremony. She says the "Bamoon" (priest) burns some leaves of the "Shashtra" (Hindu Scripture) and leaves from the sacred Tulsi plant to purify them. Sometimes the happy couple are made to eat together, and sometimes a bit of their hair is cut off and tied together, or their thumbs are tied together.

March 4.—In 1836 Rev. Nathan Brown and Rev. O. T. Cutter (Printer) came to Assam. They came from Burma, and hoped to make Assam a backdoor entrance to China. They went up the Brahmaputra River by native boat to Sadiya. There was soon an insurrection of the natives there and they went to Jaipur for a short time. Finding Jaipur unhealthy they came down the river, and the three Mission stations, Sibsagar, Gauhati, and Nowgong were opened.

Rev. Nathan Brown went to Sibsagar, and Rev. Cyrus Barker went to Gauhati. In 1841 Rev. Miles Bronson began work in Nowgong, and for 30 years it was the headquarters of his work in Assam.

Nowgong means *new town*. It is the Government headquarters of a district of the same name, and has a population of 4,500.

The whole district has an area of 3,840 square miles, and a population of 261,160 souls, living in 1,118 villages.

In a little leaflet Mr. Haggard has given the following interesting facts about Assam :—

ASSAM.

Position and Products.—The Province of Assam is situated in the extreme north-eastern corner of India, and stretches like a great arm for nearly 500 miles up the Brahmaputra Valley, toward China on the east, having Thibet on the north, Burma on the south-east, and Bengal on the south and west. It is in the same latitude as Southern Florida. It contains 49,004 square miles, being a little larger than New York State. Besides the Brahmaputra, about 60 other smaller rivers intersect the country and make it very fertile. The chief product is tea. In 1880, 150,000 acres were devoted to the cultivation of the tea plant. The other products are rice, mustard, gold, ivory, amber, musk, silver, iron, lead, petroleum and coal. In the valley the climate is hot and malarial, but on the hills it is more temperate and healthful, and is said to be not altogether dissimilar to the hills of New England. The country is subject to earthquakes, and sometimes Mission property has been ruined thereby.

People.—Assam has a population of about five-and-a-half million, divided into many tribes and races. They may be classified as follows : one-half Bengalis, who live principally in the south-west district. One-fourth Asamese proper, who live in the plains. They are a race of people similar to the natives of Bengal. One-fifth, or about a million of the people, are separate tribes bearing different names as Garos, Nagas, Mikirs, Kacharis, Singphos, and many others. These tribes speak different languages and live principally in the hills ; from this fact they are known generally as the Hill Tribes. The balance of the population is made up of temporary settlers, many of them Europeans, who are engaged in

the cultivation of tea. The labourers in the tea-gardens come chiefly from Central India. They are more or less familiar with missionary work in India, and are more ready to listen to the gospel than many of the natives of Assam.

Religion.—About three millions of the population are Hindus religiously, and are degraded by all the corruptions of that system of religion. Nearly a million-and-a-half of the people are Mohammedans, as bigoted and opposed to Christianity as they are everywhere. Both the Hindus and Mohammedans are difficult to reach with the gospel because of caste and an inbred alliance to their own religion among the former, and proud Islam bigotry among the latter. The Hill Tribes are spirit worshippers. They believe in good and bad spirits, but believing that the good spirits can be depended on to do them no harm, they pay very little attention to them, but worship and offer sacrifices to the evil spirits in order to appease their anger or gain their good will. These evil spirits, or demons, are believed to dwell in high mountains and in deep gorges in great numbers. Before being brought under British control, a human being was sacrificed yearly to appease the wrath of the demons; now they sacrifice pigs, goats, fowls, and they also make an offering of the first fruits of their fields to the demons. The chief difficulty with the Hill Tribes is their entanglement in a great mass of superstition; and the lack of power to grasp the real truths of a true religion, their love for their sinful pleasures, their beer drinking and opium habits also stand in the way.

Connected with our Baptist Mission work in Assam, there are now 60 churches and about 6,000 converts.

Thus far the Garo Tribe has been the most ready to accept the Gospel, and many of them have been baptized.

The Nagas, too, are showing more interest than formerly.

March 5.—Mr. Moore is in camp at Kothiatoli near

Boka's place. He inspected some village schools. A letter from him this morning says: "Yesterday I baptized six Garos, labourers on a tea-garden, two men and their wives, one man whose wife is not yet ready to come out, and one young man. They have built a little chapel in their 'lines' about 8 by 16 ft., and seem to be full of zeal. But one of the men here, whom I hoped would be a leader among them, has taken a second wife and is eating opium. So the devil is at work on all sides, trying to work ruin inside the church as well as out. The baptism was at noon in a little stream about one mile from Boka's place. We had a meeting there and Sekon explained the Bible pictures. At about 5 P.M. we had another meeting at Boka's house and celebrated the Lord's Supper. The six Garos whom I baptized were present, also three other Christian Garos, and Boka and his wife and Sekon. In the evening I showed the magic-lantern views and had a good company of spectators. By putting the sheet up in the shadow of the schoolhouse we could see the views very well, although the moon was shining very bright. I will go on towards Doboka to-morrow, and hope to have another Sunday here on my way back."

March 6.—Mr. Parker left last evening for Dibrugarh. He and Miss Lolie Daniels are engaged. The wedding will probably be some time during the summer.

When out the other morning I stopped to see how the natives make "Gur" (course brown sugar) from sugarcane. They have a press for squeezing out the juice. After getting boiled all day, this juice gets poured into earthen jars and it soon cools into sugar.

March 8.—We are asking our Father to bless and keep our Clara on this her twentieth birthday. Hope she has received our letter.

March 9.—This evening I received the first 12 copies of my little book—"Twenty Years in Assam, or Leaves from my Journal." I am sending some copies home and hope it will do good. The binding is a neat brown cloth.

March 18.—Pitt has returned from camp. We have just heard that Mrs. John Firth will soon go home with Mrs. Swanson.

March 23.—To-day Rev. E. W. and Mrs. Clark, Miss Henrietta Morgan, Narola Rivenburg and Louise Boggs are to sail from Calcutta for U.S.A. Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Stephen and two children will sail by the same steamer for Scotland.

March 24.—Miss Daniels has gone to Darjeeling for a little change and rest of six weeks. Miss Long has two of her boarding-school girls sleep in the bungalow with her so as not to get lonesome. I am surprised that she begins so nicely to understand, and make herself understood in Assamese. She studies hard.

March 27.—The steamer on which our missionary party sailed last week, got aground the first day out, and the passengers had to return to Calcutta. We have just heard by wire that they will sail by P. & O. Steamer "Valetta" on the 2nd April. We are so sorry they had this nervous strain and delay. Their luggage was not lost on the unfortunate steamer.

March 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Carvell are very pleased over the birth of a son. They have named him Douglas John Carvell. This is my mother's sixty-eighth birthday.

We have heard more particulars about the steamer. She struck a sandbar and turned over to one side so far that the water rushed into the cabins on the port side. Dear Mrs. Clark was lying in her berth in her cabin when

the water rushed in. She thought her time had come and did not move. A little later Mr. Clark went to her rescue, and on seeing him she roused herself. The ladies and children were sent off in the life-boat, but it leaked so they had to bale out water. Native boats soon took them, and later a steam launch came along and took them back to Calcutta. Some of the ladies were without *topis* (pith hats) in the boiling sun at noon. Miss Morgan had the skirt of her dress torn off her in her efforts to help others. The clothes Mrs. Stephen had worked hard to get ready for their two children were all wet and mouldy when they were recovered. The steamer got off the sand with the tide next day, and was taken back to Calcutta and put in dry dock for repairs.

April 7.—Such a good Easter Sunday. At 8 A.M. we all went down to the river and Pitt baptized four persons, Mary and two other schoolgirls, and Premanunda. After the 11 A.M. service we partook of the Lord's Supper, and the hand of fellowship was given to those baptized in the morning.

April 8.—According to the new Census of Assam which was taken on the 1st March, the population of Assam is now 6,122,265, which is a slight increase. In two districts, Nowgong and Kamrup, there has been a slight decrease, which is probably due to the many deaths from "Kalazar" (Black Fever).

April 12.—Mr. Carvell has spent a couple of days with us this week. He will return to Gauhati to see Mrs. Carvell and little Douglas. In case we get furlough to go home, Mr. and Mrs. Carvell may come to Nowgong to live for one year. Mr. Carvell can have some oversight of the Mikir work from here. Pitt does not want to go

home, but I feel sure it will do him good and tone up his system for another term of service in Assam.

April 15.—Pitt spent Sunday at Balijuri and baptized five persons. This makes 22 baptisms since January 1st.

While Pitt was gone to Balijuri yesterday, this word came from Dr. Barbour : " A furlough was granted Mr. Moore." The Committee earnestly hope that he will not fail to take it."

We may be able to start for home in May or June. How delighted Clara and mother will be to see us ! Mr. Carvell will look after our work, and live in our house and use our furniture, etc. We hope Mrs. Carvell and little Douglas will be strong enough to live here and not have to go to Darjeeling. We expect Miss Daniels back early in May. The Mission Treasury work is to be given to Rev. M. C. Mason. Dr. Barbour writes that they hope soon to send a new man for the Sibsagar work. Mr. Petrick has already gone to Germany.

April 21.—This is a beautiful, bright morning. The hot weather is beginning, and with it two most trying birds begin their songs (?). One is called the " Brain-fever bird " because its harsh and oft-repeated sound is trying to the brain. The other objectionable bird is always repeating " *মোর বকাই কত ?* " (where is my brother), or as the Tea Planters interpret it, " Make more Pekoe." The " kau, kau, kau " of the bold crows and ravens of this country is trying. The many insects, too, begin to come with the heat. Ants of all sorts, mosquitos, spiders, beetles, and many little insects that come about the lamp in the evening. The little house lizards find plenty to eat now. The " Assam Geranium," as we call it, is a particularly disagreeable little insect. As the ground

gets damp the white ants are more industrious in their work above ground. Still with all the drawbacks we love Assam, and shall be sorry to leave even for a short time.

April 22.—Pitt has decided to go home. I feel sure it will put new life in his blood, and his weak stomach will improve as his whole system gets toned up in a good climate.

We shall be ready to leave as soon as Mr. Carvell can relieve us. We are sorry to go now when there are so many encouragements in the work, but hope to return for many years of service for the Assamese.

April 26.—We have just heard that Bro. Penn Moore and party reached California safely. Bro. Orson Moore, of New York, writes of his love for his brothers and how glad he will be to see them.

Another of our first missionary party of 15 has gone home to be with Jesus. In the *Assam-Burma News* of April we find these words: "Miss E. E. Mitchell, M.D., died from Tuberculosis at Moulmein, Burma, April 5th, 1901, aged 71 years, 8 months and 25 days." She was over 50 years old when she went to Burma in the Autumn of 1879. She has wrought long and faithfully. Of our 15, only two women have died so far as we know—old Mrs. Stevens of Burma, and now Dr. Mitchell. Of the six men in the party three have died—Messrs. Mix, Morgan and Price. We are thankful so many are spared for the work.

May 15, 1901.—Now begins our homeward journey. I left Nowgong at 4 P.M. by bullock-cart, and took train at Chapar Mukh at 2 A.M.

May 16.—I reached Gauhati at 7 A.M. and found all well. I was glad to see little Douglas John Carvell,

and am to carry a kiss to his Grandma Parker in England. At 4 P.M. Miss Daniels arrived from Darjeeling.

May 17.—Am having a good visit with Lolie Daniels. This evening we must say good-bye as she will return to Nowgong. We visited and slept in the Bell-etta Cottage and had our meals with Mrs. Boggs. We also had a little visit with kind Mrs. Burdette.

May 19.—Yesterday I took the steamer for Calcutta—a good steamer with few passengers. At 9 P.M. I took the train at Goalundo.

May 20.—I arrived in Calcutta at 6 A.M. and took gharry and drove at once to our cousin's place. Charles and Harriett Larmour have gone to England for six months. Their daughter Ethel is at home and made me very welcome. Also her uncle, Frank A. Larmour. Calcutta is hot now, but we keep comfortable under the electric fans. This is a beautiful home, and Ethel runs the house as nicely as her mother. We go for lovely drives, and there is a sea breeze at night which cools us off somewhat.

May 24.—I expect Pitt down next week, as we are to sail on the P. & O. Steamer "Palawan." The date of sailing has been postponed, so we cannot get off until the 11th June. Pitt is stopping in Gauhati for a few days to attend to some business with the missionaries, and to make over the Mission Treasury work to Rev. M. C. Mason.

May 30.—On Sunday I went to the Circular Road Baptist Church in the morning, and in the evening to the Cathedral. I wanted to go to the Cathedral once to see what it is like. It is a fine building with electric fans. There was a good attendance at the evening service, but too much style and formality to suit me.

Pitt writes he would rather be with me in Calcutta, but his work is not yet finished in Gauhati. Messrs. Mason and Phillips met Pitt in Gauhati, and they have some important questions to consider besides taking over the Mission Treasury work.

May 31.—The rains have not yet broken in Calcutta, and it is so hot in the day here now that we close up the doors and windows and sit under the electric punkahs. In the evening we open the windows and let in the sea breeze. As cousin Harriett is away from home I occupy her lovely rooms, with nice books, pictures, couch, big dress almirahs, and other comforts. Am even learning to like ice, electric fans, etc. Still, with all the good things of Calcutta I would sooner live in quiet Nowgong. Our home and our work are there, and God has blessed and kept us. May He help us to love and honor Him wherever we may be.

• I pray often for the children of Nowgong, that they may be brought to Jesus. I have just been writing some good-bye letters to our Assamese brothers and sisters in Nowgong. I also wrote to Bogi Thomas, who is with her daughter in Shillong.

• **June 8.**—Pitt arrived early this morning and seems fairly well.

June 9.—This Sunday morning we heard Rev. A. North preach at the Circular Road Church. His subject was : "The Friendship of Jesus."

In the evening we listened to Rev. G. W. Olver, at the Wesleyan Chapel.

June 10.—At 5 P.M. we took the launch which conveyed us to the P. & O. Steamer "Palawan." She is a fine ship, and we shall be comfortable if we do not get too much

Monsoon weather. There are only 16 passengers at present.

June 11.—Our steamer was standing still last night, waiting for the tide to take us out of the Hooghly river. It was so hot in the cabins that all the passengers slept on deck. The stewards brought up our mattresses, and we were comfortable. At 5 A.M. this morning we started. On account of there being so few passengers we have many liberties ; a part of our luggage is in another cabin, so we are not crowded.

June 17.—Our Monsoon weather began on Wednesday, as soon as we were out of the Hooghly river. We were both seasick. The next day I was able to get about, but Pitt had to keep quiet (lying down much of the time in the dining-room) as he felt faint as soon as he tried to walk. The wind and waves continued to make our ship pitch and roll until to-day.

Now Colombo, Ceylon, is in sight. This is our first day of fine weather, and all feel nearly well now.

June 18.—We reached Colombo this morning, and went on shore. We had a short drive, and I bought some Ceylon lace. Colombo is green and pretty, and has plenty of cocoanuts.

June 21.—We are thankful for good weather and smooth sailing since we left Colombo.

June 23.—Our Captain read the English service in the first class dining-room to-day.

June 25.—We are now near the island of Socotra. Pitt tried to play cricket this P.M. with some of the passengers, Officers, and Doctor, on the big first-class deck. We think the worst part of our voyage is now over.

June 27.—We are stopping a few hours at night at Aden to coal. It is hot here, and may be hotter in the Red Sea and Suez Canal. We are posting some letters here. As Aden belongs to India, we can use Indian stamps. Our longest run was 244 miles.

June 28.—This morning we entered the Red Sea. We have seen some little rocky islands, and passed several ships.

July 1.—We can see the coast of Africa some of the time now; and will soon see the coast of Arabia.

July 3.—Suez. We received a good letter this morning at Suez. It was from Mrs. Mason, and enclosed a long letter from Bro. Penn Moore.

A Doctor comes on board at every port to examine passengers and crew because this ship is from Calcutta, a plague-infected city.

July 4.—The glorious 4th, and we are at Port Said. Yesterday P.M. and the greater part of the night we were in the Suez Canal. Pilots and electric search-lights were taken on at Suez. The glare and heat during the day were trying. We did not have to tie up to pass other steamers. The dredging machines are at work clearing out sand in places. The length of the Suez Canal is about 100 miles; it is narrow in places with high sandbanks on either side. The Bitter Lake near the centre is broad. We went on shore at Port Said and had a gold sovereign changed into English shillings, and bought some lemons and grapes. We will start from Suez as soon as the coaling is finished.

July 7.—It is delightfully cool and pleasant now in the Mediterranean. We reached Malta at 4 P.M. We were in quarantine and so could not land. Malta is a curious

old place. The houses are built mostly of the stone of the island, and all look a gray colour. There is a large population, although the lack of verdure makes it look uninviting. Some soldier passengers came on board.

July 8.—To-day is the twenty-second anniversary of our wedding. We are so glad to be together on our way home. Pitt gave me a gold sovereign to spend in London.

July 11.—We have so enjoyed the Mediterranean. This morning we reached Gibraltar and had a fine view of the great rock. A new breakwater is being built here. We were glad to see Gibraltar by daylight; no one was allowed to land. The great rock is imposing and strongly fortified with guns. The Straits of Gibraltar, I believe, is only eight miles broad.

July 12.—We are now getting the Atlantic breeze and find it rather cold.

July 14.—This is our fifth Sunday on this ship. The Captain read the service. It is now over one month since we left Calcutta. I read, sew, write, eat, sleep, and visit, and the time passes. We are thankful for all our journeying mercies. Pitt seems in better health now. We expect to reach Plymouth to-morrow.

July 16.—We landed at the Albert Docks, London, at 1 P.M., and our Agent, A. J. Bride, met us there. By 4 P.M. we were at our boarding place, 151, Highbury New Park.

July 17.—We have received good letters from Clara, mother, and Bro. Orson Moore.

We expect to sail on Saturday, the 20th inst., from Liverpool by S.S. "Etruria" of the Cunard Line. We have received a Nowgong letter which says Rev. A. J.

Parker and Miss Lolie Daniels were married on the 12th June in Nowgong. Rev. J. M. Carvell performed the ceremony. The next week Mr. and Mrs. Parker went to their home and work in Dibrugarh.

July 20.—We left London by train at 10 A.M. and reached Liverpool in time for our steamer "Etruria." She is a fine big steamer. We have a two-berth cabin in the centre of the ship. There must be at least 1,000 passengers.

July 21.—Sunday. We called at Queenstown to take on the mails. After leaving there we soon lost sight of the Emerald Isle, and saw only sky and water.

July 22.—It is slightly rough now and many ladies are seasick. We are thankful to escape that malady this time. This ship is remarkably steady. Our food is good. We are finding some good Christian people among the second-class passengers. We are due in New York on the 27th inst. We long to see our Clara.

July 29.—As expected, we reached New York City Docks on Saturday (27th July) at 7 P.M. Bro. Orson Moore met us there. The Customs took about two hours, and by 10 P.M. we were at Orson's place, No. 4, West 18th St. Yesterday, Sunday, we went with Orson to church and heard him sing, "We shall see Him face to face." We do so enjoy our visit with Orson and his music. Tomorrow we go to our Sand Lake home, and will see mother and others. Our Clara will soon come from Northfield.

July 30.—Tuesday. We left New York by train at 8-30 A.M. Bro. Alvah met us at the depôt in Albany, and Bro. Charlie met us in Troy. Then by electric car to Averill Park, and we were at home by 2 P.M.

Mother seems so well and happy. Clara is working this vacation in Northfield, and cannot leave there until August 20th. It is pleasant to be in the old home again. Pitt and Bro. Charlie have fine times driving together.

August 1.—Pitt and I visited my father's grave in the Sand Lake Cemetery. Mother seems as well as two years ago. The good fresh milk and butter, and early apples taste so good.

August 7.—Pitt left this evening. He will stay overnight at Bro. Alvah's home in Albany, and go to-morrow to Upton, Mass., to visit my brother, Dr. E. C. Traver, and family. From there he will go to Boston to meet the Secretaries of the A.B.M.U., and then have a good visit with Bro. Penn Moore and family, and Bro. Orson Moore. Also Miss Laura Moore who is visiting her Uncle Penn in Boston.

August 20.—To-morrow Pitt will meet *our Clara* in Greenfield, Mass., and they will come on home together, and I will meet them at Avervill Park at 5 P.M. It is ten years since Clara has seen her Papa, and I wonder if they will recognize each other. We will have Clara here with us until Oct. 1st, and then she expects to enter Medical College in Syracuse, N.Y. While in Boston Pitt met Mr. Haggard and Dr. Witter, and heard that there will be two new families for Assam this Autumn, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul will return to Assam. Dr. Barbour will visit Mission fields.

August 21.—Clara met her Papa at Greenfield, Mass. They came on trains from opposite directions and got off there at the same time, and soon found each other. By the time they reached home they seemed well acquainted. We are so happy to be together again, and Clara is such

a noble girl. We shall have her with us for the month of September. On the 1st Oct. she will go to Syracuse to begin her medical course.

August 24.—Bro. Orson Moore is with us for a few days.

August 26.—Last evening Pitt gave a missionary address at the Baptist Church of Averill Park, and Bro. Orson sang a solo and a hymn. There was a large and most attentive congregation. Pitt has promised to preach one Sunday while our Pastor, Rev. O. J. Kingsbury, is away on vacation.

August 30.—We attended Covenant meeting last evening ; about 25 persons present and a good meeting. Our church is so nice since the repairs, and all like our Pastor.

August 31.—Mother was married 47 years ago to-day. We are thankful she is well.

September 8.—Pitt preached an excellent sermon to-day from II Cor. v. 14, 15 : " They who live, should live no longer to themselves, but to Him." Either self or Christ is the centre about which all our activities revolve. I was glad Clara could hear her Papa preach. All last week Clara had her dressmaker sewing. Now she is almost ready for school.

September 16.—Mother, Clara and I have been to Albany together to get a photo. group taken.

Pitt and his two brothers also had a photo. group taken recently.

September 26.—A painful good-bye was said to-day to our Clara, as she goes back to school in Syracuse, N.Y. This month together in the old home has been a great joy to us. Pitt is anxious to return to India, and we will go as soon as our Society will send us.

October 10.—We have had some such good visits from relatives and friends, among them Aunt Gussie Howard, and Cousin Caroline Wright, who is over 80 years old.

Clara writes from Syracuse that her studies are hard, but she is well and strong and hopes to conquer. May she trust God implicitly, is our prayer.

We expect to sail from New York on the 2nd Nov., and from London on the 15th Nov. Bro. Penn Moore and wife expect to sail with us for Assam.

We have heard a good deal of the "Pan American Exposition" at Buffalo, N.Y., from friends who have visited it this summer. All speak of the fine electric display. The sad event of the season was the shooting of Pres. Wm. McKinley at the Exposition. He died on Sept. 14th, and our country is in mourning. Memorial services are held in many countries besides our own, and great sympathy is felt for Mrs. McKinley. Our President was beloved, and all mourn his loss. His last words were, "His will be done, not ours."

Now Pres. Roosevelt will be at the head of the nation.

October 30.—After a delightful three months in the old home we are leaving to-day for India.

October 31.—Mother managed to smile as I said good-bye yesterday, but I shed some tears. We came *via* Troy to New York, and found Bro. Penn Moore and wife already here. We are having a lovely visit with Bro. Orson Moore.

November 2.—We sailed at 9 A.M. Saturday, on the "Maniton" of Atlantic Transport Line. Bro. Orson saw us off. We sent Clara a good-bye letter from the ship. Our visit home has been a great joy to Clara and

to us. Clara writes : " I now feel that I belong to someone, and someone belongs to me."

Pitt seems much improved in health. He wants to get away before the weather is really cold.

November 6.—This is a fine morning, and the seasick ones are recovering. For three days we had a strong head wind and heavy sea, and made slow progress. This is a slow steamer, but steady and comfortable. Bro. Penn's wife, Charlotte, has been seasick.

November 14.—Land sighted, and we hope to land tomorrow.

November 15.—Friday. We landed at Tilbury Docks at noon to-day. Mr. A. J. Bride met us, and told us to stay at Tilbury Docks if we wanted to catch our steamer. The British India Steamer "Matiana" came about 5 P.M., and we went out in a row boat on the River Thames to meet her. It was foggy and the tide was beginning to rise, and we were glad enough to see the "Matiana." We got up on to the tug first, and then climbed up on to the big steamer. We were chilly, and enjoyed the bright coal fire burning in the grate at one end of the dining-room. Tea, bread and butter were served at once, and we were soon settled in our cabins. Pitt and Penn are in one cabin with an Englishman. Charlotte and I are in a large cabin with a young lady who is going out to Madras to be married.

November 17.—There were services both morning and evening on this our first Sunday on the ship.

There is a missionary party of 12 from England and Scotland on board, which makes it very pleasant for us.

November 18.—Charlotte is disappointed that Penn

could not see anything of London, all because our Atlantic steamer was two days late.

November 19.—We are having delightful weather and smooth sea. We can sit on deck nearly all day. There are 30 passengers in the first class. Our day's run was 271 miles.

November 24.—We are stopping at Marseilles to-day. We went on shore and saw a bit of French life. Among our new passengers are Dr. and Mrs. M. Phillips, Madras missionaries.

November 27.—We have passed through the Straits of Messina. Pitt was up at 4 A.M. to see the last of Italy and Sicily. Some passengers got up at midnight to see Stromboli ; a cloud rested on it and no eruption visible.

November 30.—We reached Port Said at 5 P.M. to-day, and took a walk on shore.

December 7.—We reached Aden at 7 A.M. to-day. After breakfast we went on shore and took a drive to the noted tanks ; they are dry at present. Aden is very *dry* ; some years no rain falls here. It must be hard for the soldiers to live in this hot and barren place. The hills about have no vegetation. The houses are built of stone. The inhabitants are Arabs, Africans and Indians.

December 17.—We reached Colombo early yesterday morning, and went on shore and drove to the Museum and Cinnamon Gardens.

December 20.—Charlotte and I were surprised by an unexpected wave. Our port was open and the big wave flooded our cabin ; and we were so wet we had to change all our clothes. Our beds had to be dried near the boilers. Salt water makes things so sticky. Four cabins and two

bathrooms were flooded by this wave of sorrow. However, it did us no harm except the nervous shock; one does not take cold easily in salt air or water.

December 22.—Madras was reached at 3 P.M. on Friday, and we enjoyed seeing some of the passengers meet their friends. Several left the ship here, and eight new passengers came on for Calcutta. We visited some of the shops and saw the Christmas decorations. It is seven weeks now since we left New York City. After being so long on the ship we shall feel queer on land at first. There was a Sunday evening service to-day, and Pitt preached.

December 25.—A big Christmas cake was served to the passengers before we said good-bye to the ship "Matiana." Mr. George Sykes met us with a small bag containing 15 letters of welcome from Assam missionaries. We landed at 4 P.M., and Mr. Sykes helped us get our goods through the Customs, and we then went to a boarding place for the night.

December 26.—We did some necessary shopping, and received calls from Dr. and Mrs. Rivenburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Gurney. Mr. Gurney is printing the Assamese Old Testament. He and Henry are just now reading the proof sheets of Isaiah.

December 27.—We left Calcutta at 10 P.M. by train. There was not much sleep for us last night. We reached Goalundo at daylight and went at once to the Brahmaputra river steamer.

December 28.—A good sleep last night makes us feel very well and happy this morning.

December 29.—We have enjoyed this restful little river trip. We are thankful to our Father for bringing us

safely back to His work in Assam. To-night we expect to land in Gauhati, and take the train at 9 P.M., and four hours by train will bring us to Chapar Mukh. Then 15 miles by bullock-cart and we shall be in our home in Nowgong.

December 31.—We reached home about 10 A.M. yesterday, well and so thankful to be here. Mr. Carvell has done valiantly in our absence. Mr Carvell will join Bro. Penn Moore in the Mikir work at Tika.

Mrs. Carvell and little Douglas will remain in the station for a few months, and live with our Miss Anna E. Long.

III.

. DR. BARBOUR'S VISIT TO ASSAM. .

January 1, 1902.—We are so thankful to be in Nowgong this bright New Year's Day. We are now settled again, and keeping house as usual. These native servants, with all their faults, are a great comfort to us. All seem so glad to have us back.

January 5.—Sunday. Pitt preached in Assamese to-day, and in the P.M. distributed the Sunday School prizes, furnished by Dr. J. M. McNaught of Nowgong.

We hear Penn and Charlotte reached their home in the Mikir Hills on New Year's Day. They will miss their Carey boy whom they left in America.

January 10.—Pitt left to-day for a two-weeks' trip in camp. He and Sekon go Raha way, and will visit eight different weekly markets and tell out the Good News of Salvation, and sell tracts and Scripture portions.

February 1.—Pitt's second trip in camp begins to-day. He will visit the little village churches at Kothiatoli, Balijuri, Udmari, and Messa, and encourage the Christians there and preach to the heathen. Pitt wrote from camp on the 8th inst. : " I wish you had been with me yesterday. On the way here (to Balijuri) I stopped at a village and showed the large pictures on the life of Christ. A

woman came out with her husband and child. She said she once went up to Nowgong station to attend the Lower Primary Examination from the Sapanala School some years ago, and a Mem Sahib there gave her a book. I don't know what the book was, but she seems to have read it, and knew something of Jesus. I did not have a chance to learn much from her, but if you had been there, you could have had a good talk with her. She lives about one mile from here."

February 9.—Sunday. Lucas gave a good sermon from the words "Look up." Lucas has just attended the associational meeting of native Christians in Sibsagar District, and I think he repeated thoughts he gained while there. There were 300 Christians at that Association. We hear our new Assam missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Tuttle and Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Dickson, were there. Also Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul of Sibsagar, and Mr. Swanson and Mr. Firth.

March 3.—The last mail from home brought joy to this household. Mother wrote that my brother Charlie went forward in the revival meetings at Averill Park in January. The last evening of the meetings Charlie said: "By God's help I mean to live a Christian life." "Oh! Galilean, Thou hast conquered" is the thought in our hearts. I have prayed for this ever since we were children together. Now mother's six children are all Christians. There is joy on both sides of the world, as well as in heaven.

On the 24th Feb. Podma, the second teacher in our girls' school, died. She has been an earnest faithful worker among the younger children in the school, and was our best native singer. Her husband, Neyai, is

Headmaster in the school, and he is bereaved, and also the one little son. Her mother's heart seems softened by this grief.

Our little Nowgong Association is just over. The meetings were Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28th to March 2nd. Lucas and Sekon were the leaders, and they carried out several ideas they gained at the Sibsagar Association. They made out a good programme. Mr. Moore was Chairman, and Lucas, Clerk. They began each day with a prayer-meeting. The first day the subject was: "The work of the Holy Spirit." On the second day, after the reading of church letters, Lucas spoke on "What is the work of this Association?" The Association will support a native preacher this year. There are now 75 members in our station church, and as many more at each of the village churches, Balijuri and Udmari. There were 38 baptisms in 1901.

There were at least 100 in attendance at our Association. Godhula Brown and Mombassa came from Sibsagar, and on Sunday Godhula preached eloquently in Assamese about Paul and how he ran to obtain the prize.

March 6.—Another event of unusual interest is the visit from our Foreign Secretary, Rev. Thomas S. Barbour, D.D., and Mr. Alfred E. Isaac. They arrived on Tuesday, 4th inst., at 10 A.M., and left the next day at 4 P.M. They are both very genial, pleasant men, and we did so enjoy their visit. Of course Dr. Barbour and Pitt had to talk over Mission matters a good deal, and the time was all too short. Mrs. Carvell and Miss Long came over to dinner Tuesday evening and had a little visit with them. The native Christians had a little service of welcome, at which Dr. Barbour spoke on "The Work of the Good Shepherd," and our

being all of one family in Christ." Mr. Isaac took a photo. of our chapel with the Christians out in front of it. Dr. Barbour had his first elephant ride on the way in from Chapar Mukh. From here they will go to Golaghat, and then on to Sibsagar and Dibrugarh. Then they will come back to Gauhati to meet the Assam Reference Committee from the 17th to 20th insts., after which they will start for Bombay to sail for home, and hope to reach there in time for the May Anniversaries. This *tour* of our Baptist Missions, and work connected with it, will take Dr. Barbour nearly one year. Mr. Haggard is doing Dr. Barbour's work at the Rooms in Boston. Mr. Isaac is Dr. Barbour's Assistant; he writes shorthand and uses the typewriter, and is the photographer and helper in general. We are so thankful Dr. Barbour keeps well and can do all this travel and work in connection with our Mission. He has gathered a lot of information about Mission matters, and will take it home in writing.

March 14.—Miss Long has passed her first Assamese Examination. Pitt leaves for Gauhati to-day. He will spend next week there with Dr. Barbour and the Assam Reference Committee.

March 25.—Pitt has just returned from Gauhati. They tried to make the most of Dr. Barbour's visit, and talk over the Assam Mission work as thoroughly as possible. The Reference Committee made several recommendations to the Home Committee, and went over the Budget of Appropriations for next year.

March 28.—We received such a good letter from mother this week. She writes there were 17 baptisms in our home church on the 16th Feb., and Bro. Charlie

was among the number. To-day is mother's sixty-ninth birthday. May she be filled with the peace and love of God, is our prayer for her.

March 29.—Pitt has just had his 12 village Pandits (teachers) in, to take the annual figures to send to Government. We get an annual grant-in-aid of Rs. 600 from Government for these schools.

Pitt, in writing for the *Assam-Burma News*, says about our Annual Association of the churches in this District: "We have a membership of 216, so the importance of this meeting was not on account of its numbers, or any outward display. But the manifest working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the Christians, leading them to recognize and assume their responsibility as stewards of the grace of God, was such as I have not seen here before. Then the cheerful courage with which the people have put their hand to the plough has made glad my heart. We have made a beginning, and pray God to carry it on to perfection.

"Dr. Barbour's visit to Nowgong was short, but it did us all good, and good will grow out of it. We had no great results to show—at least not great in the world's estimation—but our great needs will appeal to him with new force, and the memory of his kindly presence, and Mr. Isaac's also, will linger with us as a benediction."

March 30.—Easter Sunday, and our hearts are full of joy and thanksgiving for our risen Saviour.

April 6.—This has been a good Sunday here. Mr. Carvell is in for one week, and he had the joy of baptising four persons. Pitt is out at Balijuri, where he will baptize four persons and marry one couple.

• April 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Carvell and their Baby Douglas

left to-day for Tika, their home in the Mikir Hills. We hope the bullock-cart ride and elephant journey will not be too much for Mrs. Carvell and Douglas.

We have had some fine showers, and now all nature is fresh and green. Our damp Assam weather is beginning. I had a slight chill and a little fever last night—a very unusual thing for me.

May 2.—So bright and pleasant to-day. Miss Long has just had her first attack of Assam fever. I am spending a good deal of time with her, so she will not get lonesome. She has asked to have a young lady associate sent out to her this year.

May 3.—We have just had a call from Mrs. Ramdur-labh Mozumdar and her daughter, Miss S. Mozumdar. They belong to the Brahmo Somaj religion, and are more enlightened than most natives. They are willing to accept much of our Bible, but do not believe Christ is Divine. The daughter has studied English several years in the Bethune College of Calcutta. She could converse with us in English. I went with them to call on Miss Long, and the young lady sang for us in Bengali. The father is a Pleader in court here.

Miss Long and I enjoy our work among the children by the roadside. Last evening, we had 30 children about us. We teach the little First Catechism, or explain a picture on the life of Christ. Some of the children can sing one of our Christian hymns and repeat a Bible verse. We often give them little picture cards or an Assamese leaflet. If any big boys, or men, go to disturb us, I give them something to read, and this often puts them in a good mood. A Musulman boy passed us and one day called out: "Oh! you want to make Christians.

of them, don't you?" When I held out a leaflet to him he said: "I can't read," and passed on. I feel sure he can read. A nice Musulman woman invited us into her house. She can read slowly, and I will take her an easy book and try to encourage her to persevere in reading.

Miss Long is having such good meetings with her girls on Sunday afternoons. She has invited the Christian women to attend these meetings, and last Sunday nine women came, and some of them had learned verses to repeat in the meetings. The lessons are on the life of Christ. Lucas helps Miss Long prepare the lesson, and then the Assamese translation is given to the girl or woman who leads the meeting. Humitra, the matron, is very helpful in these meetings. We are so glad the girls and women are learning to study their Bibles. The boys and young men have a similar meeting at the chapel on Sunday afternoons. For the past two Sundays the subject for the sermon was "Bible Study." There is more of a spirit of prayer now among our people. For all these encouragements we thank God.

May 14.--I am alone this week as Pitt has gone to Moriani to meet Mr. Paul, and to consult with him and others about a site, near the Railway, for a Christian Training School for boys of the Brahmaputra Valley. The great need of Assam is for more trained preachers and evangelists. Dr. Barbour approves of such a school being started. The Garos have a school at Tura, and the Nagas have a school at Impur.

May 15.--The report of the Assam Census, taken in 1901, is just out, and we find our copy very interesting. I quote from page 45: "Amongst the native population Christianity has made great strides during the past ten

years, their numbers having risen from 14,762 to 33,595." Again: "The Baptist Mission has also met with a large measure of success, the numbers of this sect having risen from 3,767 to 10,045."

May 16.—When Pitt was on his way out to the railway station to go to Moriani he stopped at Kothiatoli over Sunday, and while there baptized four Mundas and one Garo, who labour on a tea-garden.

May 22.—Pitt has returned and he says Moriani is the highest point near the Railway, but the water-supply there is not good. The soil there is clay. The best land belongs to the tea estates. Pitt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle at Golaghat. The difficulties met with in the work in Upper Assam are much the same as down here in Central Assam.

June 2.—Yesterday at Balijuri Pitt baptized eight persons. They held service in the little new chapel and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

June 3.—To-day Mr. and Mrs. Boggs are leaving Cauhati for home, *via* the Pacific. We are sorry to lose them for a time, and shall greatly miss them at our next Conference. Miss Wherett is transferred to Japan to see if that climate will agree better with her health.

June 12.—A letter just received from Mr. Haggard says: "Dr. Barbour reached the office yesterday, and we are delighted to see him, and we are thankful that he could have made this trip without any accident or loss of health. He expresses himself as being profoundly impressed with the situation and needs in Assam, and I am sure his visit will prove very helpful in enlisting sympathy for our work there."

June 21.—We have just heard of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Dowd's little son. We sympathise with them.

June 26.—Thursday. This was to have been a great day in England. All preparations were made for the coronation of King Edward VII. Last evening telegrams came saying: "Owing to the illness of the king the coronation is postponed indefinitely." This must bring great disappointment to many.

July 1.—Later telegrams say the king had an operation performed and is recovering.

July 4.—At our Covenant meeting this afternoon there were 35 present, and nearly everyone testified in the meeting.

July 6.—We have had a good Sunday. At 7 A.M. was our Sunday School. At 8 A.M. we went to the river and Pitt baptized two persons. At 11 A.M. the regular preaching service was conducted by Bapuram, and then followed the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At 3 P.M. the young people had their Sunday lesson on the life of Christ.

July 8.—The first thing that caught my attention this morning was a slip of paper on the table on which Pitt had written: "1879-1902. A little token of very much love from Pitt to Jessie"; and on the paper there reposed a bright gold sovereign.

July 11.—Two little orphan girls from the Government Hospital were given to our Mission to-day. They are about ten years old and will be in the boarding school. Miss Long now has 16 girls. Humitra, the matron, is very fond of her girls, and all like her.

In our station school there are 70 children, mostly girls. There are a few little boys from Christian families.

We sometimes get some little Musulman boys, as they don't have to pay fees in our Mission school. The natives still think it more necessary to educate boys than girls.

July 18.—Miss Long and I have good times together. I have been impressed with the way in which she corrects and governs her girls. She is a beautiful Christian and an excellent worker.

August 17.—We learn from telegrams in the Calcutta papers that the King and Queen were crowned in London on the 9th inst. The entire programme at Westminster Abbey was carried out, and there was a good deal of display.

September 4.—Our Miss Long was made very happy to-day by word from home that Miss Ella G. Miller, from the Training School of Chicago, will come out this Autumn to be her associate in the work in Nowgong. We are so glad for Miss Long.

Having studied in the same school, and being acquainted with the same people, will make it pleasant for them. We expect Miss Miller early in December.

Several missionaries will be returning—Mr. and Mrs. Petrick to Sibsagar, Mr. and Mrs. Perrine to Impur, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen to Goalpara. Rev. Walter C. Mason is the only new man appointed to Assam this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle will be transferred to Gauhati, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul to Golaghat.

October 3.—Our Quarterly Covenant meeting to-day. There were 45 persons present, and all expressed a desire to be more useful in the Master's vineyard.

October 4.—There was also a meeting of the Association Committee. Their preachers are Lucas, Sekon and Dyal.

They are to be out most of the cool season to work among the people in different parts of the Nowgong District. Dyal will work among his own people, the Mundas. Our prayer is that many through them may learn of Christ. Our Christians are contributing money and rice towards the support of these preachers:

October 11.—The Hindus are celebrating their annual Durga Puja Festival. The usual number of goats have been sacrificed to gain the favour of the goddess, and amid much noise the images will now be thrown into the Kullung river. Our preachers are out telling of the Better Way to those who will listen, and some good new leaflets are distributed to those who can read. We have also sold some tracts and gospels.

October 22.—Pitt has gone to Dibrugarh to meet Mr-Paul, and to look after some Mission property there. He will return by steamer to Silghat, and tour in from there so as to meet some of the village Christians.

October 27.—Pitt came at 10 A.M. to-day. He spent Sunday with the Udmari Church, and baptized 23 persons. After a few days at home Pitt will go to Balijuri. From Dec. 28th to Jan. 6th we expect to be in Gauhati for our Conference. Our Clara is now back in Syracuse at her medical studies.

December 5.—Pitt has spent two weeks on the Raha side of our district, and visited six weekly markets to teach and sell religious books.

We are glad to have Miss Miller here. She arrived on the 3rd December.

It seems best for me to go to Calcutta to consult an oculist.

December 10.—I am now in Calcutta at Mrs. Schaump-

berg's, No. 5, Humayun Place. I have seen the oculist and he is making me new lenses which will help my eyes.

December 16.—I am leaving Calcutta for Gauhati, and will stay with Mrs. Tuttle until Conference time.

December 25.—Pitt came this morning to Gauhati, and I wished him a "Merry Christmas" before I was ready to leave my room. Mrs. Tuttle gave us a lovely Christmas dinner. We are so happy. Pitt has prepared for Conference a long paper on the "Report of the Assam Census of 1901."

IV.

CLARA'S VISIT TO HER ASSAM HOME.

January 1, 1903.—This finds us all in Gauhati at our Biennial Assam Missionary Conference. We are so busy with meetings that we almost forget to wish each other "Happy New Year." There are only 25 of our Assam missionaries present, the other ten missionaries could not come because of expense and difficulties of travel in Assam.

January 8.—We are now at home again in Nowgong, and I will copy the Report of Conference Pitt has prepared for the Boston *Watchman* :—

"The Biennial Meeting of the Conference of our Assam Baptist Mission was held at Gauhati from 28th Dec., 1902, to Jan. 4th, 1903, and was a week of earnest, prayerful consideration of the problems that confront the disciples of Christ in their endeavours for the advancement of His Kingdom in this section of the field, which is the world.

"Ten of our missionaries on the field found it impracticable to be present at the Conference, and were much missed; but twenty-five earnest men and women of our Assam Mission force, and two visiting sisters from America, met in three daily sessions for eight days, and listened to reports of the work that God is doing in our several districts; and talked and prayed over plans for our more effective co-operation with God in His great work of evangelizing this land. All felt that God

was with us ; and the exaltation of the Christ in our hearts and before the millions of Assam for whom He died, was easily discerned as the keynote of the whole Conference—a note that touched responsive chord in every heart none the less truly because it was not premeditated or prearranged.

“ We were treated to three good sermons in English ; the first dealing with the preciousness of Christ ; the second with the security that we have in Christ, since God will complete the good work He began in us ; and the third treating of the inauguration of Christ to the work of redemption. There were also services in the vernacular on each Sunday for native Christians.

“ Each day's work was begun by an hour of devotional waiting on God ; and to my mind these were the most profitable hours of the Conference. Our hearts burned within us as we communed together of the things of the Kingdom, and felt the promised presence of our King.

“ Business began on Monday with a consideration of the financial needs of each district—a point on which the Conference had been asked to make recommendations to the Executive Committee. On Tuesday we had the privilege of listening to Rev. R. Burges, General Secretary of the India Sunday School Union, who presented to us the work of that Society and the importance of work for the young generally, in a very helpful and stimulating manner. ‘ There are 100,000,000 children in India under 14 years of age, and when we have won these, we have won India.’

“ He also favoured us on Wednesday morning with a graphic account of his impressions of the great Decennial Missionary Conference at Madras, from which he came direct to our Conference. The contrast between our own small number and that representative body of about 400 missionaries from all over India, Ceylon, and Malaysia must have been great, yet we felt that we were dealing, in more detail, with the same problems with which that larger company dealt.

“ But Mr. Burges was not the only one from outside our

immediate missionary circle who helped to make our Conference a success, as many of your readers will at once know, when I tell you that we were favoured throughout the week by the presence, and kindly and intelligent interest of Mrs. Col. Charles H. Banes of Philadelphia, and Miss Florence N. Smith of New York, who are making a tour of the world with the express purpose of studying missions at first hand on the spot. Such visitors as these form the most desirable connecting links between the churches at home and the foreign field ; giving to the churches the information of eye-witnesses, and inspiring in the missionaries fresh courage and hope by their sympathetic appreciation of both their difficulties and triumphs.

“ God speed them on their helpful mission to other fields, and return them to the homeland in due time to kindle fresh enthusiasm and awaken yet more intelligent interest there in the progress of His world-wide Kingdom, in which even Assam claims a share, though it is such an out-of-the-way corner as seldom to obtain the benefit of such ministration as these true sisters brought.

“ The biennial report from the eight districts in which our Mission work is carried on, were full of evidences of what God is doing in this land of sin and sorrow. The lamp of life is kindling more and more brightly ; but in the background is the lurid picture of what satan also is doing for the perpetuation of darkness and death.

“ The inadequacy of our missionary staff is recorded with painful emphasis. For a time three fields, either one of which would be a sufficient care for the strongest man, were left to the oversight of one man. Another large field has been left without a resident missionary for 21 months out of the two years. And yet God in His mercy has crowned our work with fruitfulness, and a large aggregate number have been gathered into the churches. The Government Census of 1901 shows that Christians in Assam have increased from 16,844 to 35,969, in the past ten years. I cannot here give details, but the printed reports of our Conference will soon be ready. Apply

to your District Secretary for a copy, and read for yourself how the grain of mustard seed is growing and spreading its branches. The need of trained, consecrated and Biblically instructed leadership in our newly-planted churches was prominently set forth in the discussions of the work in the several fields; and perhaps no subject awakened a deeper interest in the Conference than the proposition to found a Bible School, for the purpose of teaching those whom God calls to the ministry, the revelation of Himself and His plan of redemption as set forth in His Holy Word. A representative committee was appointed to formulate and carry into effect a plan for such a Bible School. We ask the prayers of every reader for God's blessing on this enterprise. My space does not permit the further mention of the Papers presented, and helpful discussions that rounded out the week.

"A sympathetic and helpful letter from Dr. Barbour, a hymn written especially for this Conference by Dr. Witter of Boston, and letters from our absent ones on both sides of the globe, helped to give richness and variety to our programme. An evening praise service of deep interest, in which nearly all present participated, crowned each Lord's Day; the return of several of our experienced workers, and the contingent of two fresh recruits, being not the least of the many blessings for which we thank the Lord."

P. H. MOORE.

ASSAM CONFERENCE HYMN.—1904-05.

Tune—JESUS SAVIOUR, PILOT ME.

I.

Jesus, Master, let us share,
Share the burdens Thou dost bear,
Thou who knowest all the way
Ere shall dawn the golden day
When Assam Thy crown shall be
Thine and ours eternally.

II.

On the mountains we would be
Beacon lights, O Christ, for Thee,
Pointing warriors savage, wild,
To the manger, and the Child
Who as Prince of Peace shall be
Chief and King eternally.

III.

From the many heathen shrines
Whence no ray of hope outshines
May all eyes be turned to Thee
Thou the Christ of Calvary,
Until all Assam shall be
Thine and ours eternally.

IV.

Lord, we hail the vision bright,
And we praise Thee, Lord, to-night
For the tokens of the day,
Now forth-speeding on its way
When Assam Thy crown shall be,
Thine and ours eternally.

—*William Ellsworth Witter.*

January 10.—Our returned missionaries are Mr. Petrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen. Mr. Perrine is on the way out, and will soon be in Assam. Mrs. Carvell and little Douglas have gone to Mrs. Carvell's home in England. Mr. Firth is about to start home to U.S.A. Mr. Gurney has just completed printing the Assamese Old Testament, and he and Mrs. Gurney will soon go home *via* the Pacific Ocean.

Our new missionary, Rev. Walter C. Mason, made an excellent Clerk during our Conference. He will be associated with his father in the Garo work.

While in Gauhati, before the Conference began, I climbed up Kamikhia mountain; this is one of the Hindu sacred places of India. The view from the top, of the grand hills about Gauhati and the winding Brahmaputra river, was beautiful. I sat on the rock at the highest point and talked of Jesus, the only true Saviour, to a couple of Hindu priests and some boys and girls.

There are carvings of Hindu gods on the rocks, and a number of small Hindu temples. The temples have each a brick dome, and a small room in front of the dome. We could enter the temple enclosure and look into the small front room, but the door into the dome is locked.

We saw where the goats are sacrificed on worship days, and went to the tank which has some crocodiles in the water. Some of these brick temples were injured in the earthquake of June 1897, but a Hindu Rajah of Durbanga has given money for repairs. There is much that is disgusting about Hinduism, including the many beggars.

January 11.—We are glad to be at home again in Nowgong and gather up the threads of work. We are so thankful to be well and able to work.

Pitt is to teach a Bible Class this summer, in case the churches send in men and boys to be taught.

Our Quarterly Covenant meeting was on Friday. This afternoon Dr. McNaught came to our Sunday School and distributed his prizes to those who passed the best examination. During 1902 there were 72 baptisms in our Nowgong district. Bro. Penn Moore and Mr. Carvell have had the joy of baptizing some Mikir boys from their

school. Charlotte Moore is not well, and she has gone to the American Sanitarium in Calcutta for a change and some treatment. She is so anxious to be strong and able to work.

January 20.—Pitt has so far caught up in business correspondence and accounts that he could start out in camp to-day. He will go Joklabandha way and be gone two weeks. The weather is fine now for camp work. The rice crop is reaped and the harvest festival is over, and there will be many listeners to the Words of Life. Oh ! may the Holy Spirit bring the truth home to some hearts.

January 29.—We have just been reading of the great Coronation Durbar held in Delhi, India, on Jan. 1st, 1903, and days following, when King Edward VII was proclaimed Emperor of India. The procession of 12,000 must have been imposing. There were 160 elephants, with native chiefs in gorgeous attire. The Viceroy, Lord Curzon, is a good speaker, and could be heard by all as he made his Durbar speech. The King, Edward VII, was represented by his brother, the Duke of Connaught. The first ladies in rank were the Duchess of Connaught and Lady Curzon. The massed band played. There was a large camp for the troops and others.

February 6.—We received such a good letter from Dr. T. S. Barbour, dated Dec. 30th, 1902. It reads :—

“ I would that your name, which is ever on our hearts, could be far more frequently on our pens. My sympathy with you and your work, and my joy in your devotion to your high duty increases with the years and with the acquaintance my visit gave me. We cannot fail to bring you often to the Throne of Grace, and to look for divine approval upon the workman and favour upon the work.

We invoke for you the intimate and manifest presence of the Master, that you may have His abounding joy and bring forth much fruit to His praise. May your name be a sweet savor to all coming ages in Assam, because of its kinship and association with the Name that is above every name. The remembrance of my fellowship with you and Mrs. Moore in your Assamese environment is most satisfying. All love and grace be upon you and yours, dear brother.

With cordial regards,

THOMAS S. BARBOUR.”

February 8.—When Pitt returned from camp he brought a letter he had written to our Clara, which is so good I will copy it:—

“ MY DEAR CLARA,

“ What can a father, sitting in his tent in a heathen village, write to his loved daughter living in a Christian city on the other side of the world? I dare say there are many things that might be of interest could I draw pen-pictures that would enable you to see them. But I am not skilled in that art. So I shall have to content myself with sending you a simple message of heart-warm affection, which I doubt not will find response in your heart. By the time this letter can reach you, the twenty-second anniversary of your birthday will be near, and I hope it will be a very happy occasion with you. I do not seem to have any token of love to send you, besides this letter; but this may assure you that you are often in my thoughts, and daily remembered in my prayers. I have great satisfaction in the thought that you are preparing for some sphere of usefulness in life, which God is also preparing for you, and although we do not know what or where that place may be, we can trust it all in the Heavenly Father's keeping. I trust that you live near to Jesus, and in the consciousness of His presence and leading, and always under the inspiration of the redeeming love and grace. This morning I was wandering round

through fields of mustard and rice stubble where there were scattered hovels, in the shade of which I sat and talked of the Saviour's love and the redemption that He wrought for us on the cross, to some who said they never before had heard the story.

"In our work here, you know, we are constantly telling over this same old story. Many times in a day we go over the same details of the life that Jesus led on earth, going about doing good, teaching and healing, giving sight to the blind and ears to the deaf, and finally dying for our sins, and being raised again for our justification, and ascending to God's right hand to plead our cause as our Great High Priest; but the story never becomes stale. Our hearts ever respond with some new thrill of joy or thanksgiving that that love and that life, and death and resurrection were for us; and that God is working in our hearts with the same power that He exercised in raising Jesus from the dead, to bring about our sanctification, and make us meet to be partakers of the glory that Christ now has at the right hand of God. When I meditate on these truths, and then think what I am, my faith staggers under the thought that such infinite love and glory is for me; and also for these to whom God has sent me here.

"Under the inspiration of such thoughts this work is always a delight, though done under circumstances that are often repulsive; and I long more for that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who though He was rich, yet became poor, that we, through His poverty, might become rich, that the loving compulsion that drew Him forth from heaven to save the lost, may ever be the motive power in my life among men. God bless you, my dear Clara, and may the thought of this great love hallow all your studies and daily life. With deep affection,

Your loving Papa,

P. H. MOORE."

NOWGONG, ASSAM, INDIA.

February 2nd, 1903.

February 10.—Very distressing word has come from Calcutta about Charlotte's health. Three good doctors have examined her and find Tuberculosis in the left lung and throat. She has coughed some for ten years. Bro. Penn Moore may decide to take Charlotte to Almora, in the North-west of India. It is comparatively dry there in the hills, and the best place in India for consumptives. Assam is much too damp for Charlotte.

February 15.—Pitt is spending Sunday with the Bali-juri Church. He expects to be at home a couple of days this week.

February 18.—Pitt will go to Messa to-night, and to-morrow perform the marriage ceremony for Lomboram's eldest daughter.

February 26.—Bro. Penn Moore has gone to Calcutta, and will take Charlotte at once to Almora.

February 27.—A card dated Feb. 25th announces the birth of Frances Eleanor Paul at Golaghat. To-day our annual associational meeting begins at Kothiatoli ; I would like to attend it. Bogi Thomas and two daughters have come for a visit, from Shillong. They still have an old house here on the Mission compound, and like to call it home, and come back and renew old acquaintances.

March 6.—Pitt has now returned from the associational meeting. The attendance was 143. This year they had a neat little printed programme, and the meetings were orderly and more like a home Association.

Pitt was Chairman, and Henry, Assistant. Lucas was Clerk. The people all eat together, and some of the men took turns in cooking the rice, etc. The weather was fine, and they could easily stop in the grass huts and

tents put up for the occasion. On the morning of the weekly market near Kothiatoli, the people all went, and there was preaching in the market in six different languages. The women had one little meeting all by themselves, and it was led by Humitra. Many outsiders from the villages about came near to see and hear for themselves. May the truth be received in some new hearts, is our prayer. May the Christians let their light shine. "Assam for Christ" is our motto.

March 28.—This is my mother's seventieth birthday. She keeps remarkably well and happy. Clara writes she has taken her letter from the Gloversville, N.Y., Baptist Church and joined the Central Baptist Church in Syracuse, N.Y.

Nowgong has been visited this week by the Chief Commissioner of Assam, Hon. Mr. J. B. Fuller. He has been in Assam only one year, and this is his first visit to Nowgong. Mrs. Emerson, our Deputy Commissioner's wife, gave a breakfast and invited us to meet the Chief, and we found him very pleasant. There were only ten persons at the breakfast, but there was food enough for 50 persons. The Chief Commissioner gave a dinner and invited us, but we declined as we do not like going out to dinner parties at night. The Chief seemed very pleased with all he saw in Nowgong. He admired the beautiful trees in our station. Recent rain has made it all fresh and green.

April 1.—Dr. C. W. Bancroft is now the Nowgong Doctor, as Dr. McNaught has retired from Government service on a pension. The McNaught family will leave Nowgong for a few years, as Doctor has found work on the Assam-Bengal Railway. Last evening Miss Long had her first elephant ride. I went with her.

April 2.—Mr. W. H. Stanes has come to hold one week of meetings. He is Children's Missioner under the auspices of the India Sunday School Union. His addresses will be in English and Pitt will interpret for him.

April 5.—Mr. Stanes talked in Sunday School at 7 A.M. At 11 A.M. he spoke to the older people, and at 2 P.M. to the young people.

April 7.—Mr. Stanes has helped us all by his earnest, simple instruction on such subjects as "hands," "hearts," "ropes," "balances," "flags," etc.

In each talk he emphasizes *sin* and *salvation*. His favourite texts seem to be Isaiah liii. 6, and I John ii. 12. Every evening from 7 to 8 P.M. he showed magic lantern pictures on the life of Christ, and a few Old Testament pictures. Crowds of 400 or more would come to our chapel to see the pictures. One evening we invited only English-speaking native gentlemen, and then Mr. Stanes showed some American views. Those on Niagara Falls and Yellowstone Park were beautiful. Mr. Stanes has visited America three times, and has relatives there. After his visit here we feel as if we had been away to attend some Conference or other. Mr. Stanes carries a fine camera, and took three Nowgong groups for us.

April 8.—Mr. Stanes left this morning for Sibsagar, and from there he will go to Tura, in all making about five weeks in Assam.

April 10.—We hear Leslie Willard Dowd was born on the 5th April at Impur, Assam.

April 12.—Easter Sunday. Pitt's text was: "If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead," Phil. iii. 11.

April 17.—Mr. Carvell has come to us for a little visit. Since Bro. Penn Moore left for Almora Mr. Carvell has been alone at Tika with only Mikirs to talk to.

May 1.—Yesterday afternoon we attended the closing exercises of the Government English School. The Deputy Commissioner presided. There were essays, songs, a poem and a lecture.

May 9.—Miss Long has passed her second examination in Assamese.

Our Assam Conference Reports have just come and are fine.

Next week we expect to receive some bound volumes of the Assamese Old Testament, and we shall be very glad to have them to use.

May 20.—Our new Deputy Commissioner, Capt. Playfair, expects to be married in the Autumn. Dr. Bancroft may bring his mother here to live. At present there are no ladies in Nowgong except the missionaries.

Word comes from home that my brother, Rev. Rufus M. Traver, will move to Pontiac, Mich.

May 25.—Lucile Burdette Tuttle was born on the 18th May in Gauhati, Assam.

May 29.—We had a happy surprise in the form of company at 10 A.M. to-day. Mr. Carvell came in on the old Mission elephant. He had to come in on some business at the court house, and will spend a few days with us. We keep our spare room ready for him, as we know he must sometimes get lonesome at Tika while his wife and son are in England. There are two native Christian weddings on this week. These festive occasions always afford the children and young folks much pleasure.

They sit on the ground and eat with their fingers the feast of rice and curry from pieces of plantain leaf.

Miss Long and Miss Miller have just had their first real shock as to the way in which natives can deceive us. It will also make them see the need of letting girls marry younger in this country than in more civilized lands. A very quiet wedding of one of our schoolgirls took place this week in order to save the girl.

May 30.—The latest news of Charlotte is discouraging. Her fever continues and she cannot gain much strength.

We are very pleased with the Assamese Old Testaments. They will be a great help in the work in Assam. We are thankful Mr. Gurney could complete the work.

June 10.—There are a few cases of cholera about. Lomborom's eldest daughter at Messa died of it about three months after her marriage.

June 12.—I have just been reading the *Ladies Home Journal* for June. It is a special number and contains 1,000 faces of girls. Syracuse University is represented, and on page 41 I found a tiny picture of our Clara.

I am reading a good book, "Men of Might in India Missions." I like to read of such men as Schwartz, Carey, Marshman and Ward, Henry Martyn and others.

June 14.—Pitt's Assamese sermon to-day was from John xv. 9: "Continue ye in my love." So long as we obey God we are happy in His love. We have some *new* Assamese hymns, a supplement to our hymn-book, and Pitt is teaching the tunes to our boys and girls. Pitt also has a class for the Sunday School Teachers.

July 8.—How fast the years go by! How well we remember the great event in our lives when Rev. R. Weeks pronounced us one just 24 years ago to-day!

This has been a happy day. Miss Long and Miss Miller took dinner with us, and then we knelt in our little missionary prayer-meeting and thanked our Father for all His goodness and mercy to us, and pleaded for strength to serve Him better. Clara has passed her examinations and is now a Junior in Syracuse Medical College.

July 9.—At our Covenant meeting two schoolgirls asked for baptism.

Our Kullung river rose on the 21st June. There is now plenty of water, and Nowgong has been visited by two small steamers.

July 15.—Our Nowgong Mission School closed to-day for one month. Misses Long and Miller were enthusiastic in having "closing exercises," and drilled the children. It was a pleasant occasion. The native Christians turned out in their clean clothes and looked very happy. Some of Guluk's new Assamese hymns were sung. The dialogue was a selection from "Pilgrim's Progress." The little folks recited Scripture verses and sang. Newton recited a poem, which was translated from Bengali. Henry gave a good address from the text: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God"; and Mr. Moore summed up the good things in a closing address. The blackboard was draped in red, white and blue, and had this motto: "Be not hearers only, but doers of the Word"; and over the blackboard was hung a picture of King Edward VII.

August 8.—Plenty of rain this week. The farmers are now busy transplanting their rice. We had a little surprise present in the shape of ten apples, which Bro. Penn Moore sent us from Almora. We are sorry to hear Charlotte continues to lose strength even in Almora.

August 27.—Bro. Orson Moore is visiting Paris and London, and studying music and seeing the sights. He will return to New York in the Autumn.

We have just heard Clara is homesick, and wants to come to visit us. We hope to have her here in our home before Christmas.

The iron frame for the new dormitory for our girls has come.

Mr. Carvell has sent the manuscript for the "Mikir First Reader" to Shillong, where it will be printed at Government expense. It is in the English character instead of the Bengali character.

September 12.—Our rainfall is now 70 inches, and still it rains. The Kullung river is high, and the little steamer still running. On the 5th inst. Sari (Sweet's sister) died. She has suffered for over two years from Black Fever, She was a sweet and patient Christian, and her end was peaceful.

Mary, of our boarding school, is ill with Black Fever, and has gone to the Government Hospital for treatment. We could not keep her with the other girls, and it is not right for Miss Long to keep Mary in the bungalow.

September 24.—Our rain is slackening and we shall have a dry station once more.

We hear Mrs. Nettie Mason has gone to Almora to visit her sister Charlotte.

October 1.—This is the big Puja day. We were all out in the afternoon preaching and selling religious books, and giving away leaflets.

October 2.—It seems very quiet to-day, as the drumming has stopped, and the crowds dispersed to their

homes. Misses Long and Miller are starting for Darjeeling, to be gone about six weeks. They both need a little change and rest, and will find Darjeeling lovely in October.

October 7.—Such good news in the mail to-day. Our daughter Clara is coming home to us for a visit, and will spend the winter with us in our Nowgong home. Oh! how we shall enjoy having Clara with us! We praise God for His goodness and mercy to us. Clara sailed from New York City on the 5th Sept. She is coming with Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Ferguson and Miss Mary Kurtz of Telugu field, and our Mrs. Perrine of Assam. They are coming overland from London to Naples and will do some sight-seeing. They expect to sail from Naples Oct. 1st for Colombo, Ceylon. Then take a small steamer across to Tuticorin, South India, and then by rail to Calcutta.

It is over 14 years since Clara left Nowgong. We wonder if the older natives here will remember her if we do not tell them she is coming. Clara's last letter was written on the Atlantic and posted in Glasgow. She expects to visit Edinburgh, London, Paris, Rome, and Naples. I expect my mother was surprised at Clara's sudden start for Assam. She wrote us she wanted to come, and we cabled to Boston to have her passage engaged, and she started on short notice. We are so pleased she is coming. Clara is much in our thoughts and prayers. May we be drawn nearer to each other, and nearer to God.

October 16.—Pitt has gone to Golaghat for a few days to attend the meeting of the Committee on Bible School. We now have three ladies in Nowgong—Mrs. Playfair, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Bancroft.

November 3.—I have so much to write that I hardly know where to begin. First and best of all, our dear Clara is with us here in our home. Now I will go back and tell how she got here.

The party of five persons, including Clara, landed from the "Anchoria," the Anchor Line steamer, on the 15th Sept. From Glasgow they went to beautiful Edinburgh. Clara says the day between Glasgow and Edinburgh, *via* Loch Lomond and Loch Katrine was a red-letter day because of the beautiful scenery. The other red-letter day was in the Alps of Switzerland. From Edinburgh the party went to London and spent a couple of days visiting Westminster Abbey, the Tower, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Dr. Bernardo's homes for destitute children. In Paris Clara saw Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre and Luxemburg Art Galleries, and the beautiful tapestries.

Clara has described the carving of the great lion on the high rock in Luzerne, Switzerland, and the old bridge. She says the cathedral in Milan, Italy, is the most beautiful in exterior. Next came Florence, with its Art Galleries of paintings by Raphael and Michael Angelo. She found Rome very interesting. St. Peter's Cathedral is so well proportioned that you do not realize how large it is. The mosaics are beautiful—copies of some of Michael Angelo's paintings. The Vatican has a very large enclosure, six miles around it. They saw the Coliseum and the Forum.

From Naples they went out to Pompeii to see the excavations. Clara has a picture of one of the old palaces which has been dug out.

The party sailed from Naples Oct. 1st by a large German steamer, and landed in Colombo, Ceylon, on the

17th Oct., and spent Sunday there. On Monday, the 19th Oct., they crossed over in a small steamer to Tuticorin, India, and went by rail to Nellore, Madras Presidency, where Clara met Rev. and Mrs. D. Downie and some ladies, and visited the Mission Hospital for natives. Then Clara left the party and hurried on by rail *via* Madras City to Calcutta. From there a night by rail, and a day and a night by steamer brought her to Gauhati, Assam. Clara wired us from Calcutta, and I just had time enough to get to Gauhati to meet her as she landed from the river steamer. Then we did 60 miles by rail, and 16 miles in a covered bullock-cart, and reached home at 1 A.M. on the 27th Oct. Oh! the joy of having Clara with us in our home, and we want her to feel our love as never before. She seems perfectly well and happy. We want to thank Rev. and Mrs. Ferguson and the others who helped to make Clara's journey so pleasant.

Clara says nothing seems foreign to her here. Of course she has forgotten how to speak Assamese in the 14 years since she left Nowgong. Some of the older natives seem to remember Clara. Clara will spend the cool season with us, and then probably return to America to finish her medical course.

Clara brought us a present of beautiful silver teaspoons from my brothers and sisters. They are intended for our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. My mother sent a nice fountain pen by Clara, for her Papa's fiftieth birthday.

Clara reached here one day before her Papa had to start for Tura, to attend the meeting of our Assam Reference Committee. Pitt will be gone for two weeks, and I am so glad to have Clara with me. We visit and

have such good times together. As the Mission elephant is in from Tika, Clara had her first elephant ride. An earthquake shock the other evening rather frightened her. For a minute or so she did not know what it was, and thought the walls of our house would fall on her head. The shock was more sudden and severe than usual.

November 9.—When I went to Gauhati to meet Clara, I saw Rev. and Mrs. W. Pettigrew and their three children, who were on their way home to England. I also had my first glimpse of little Lucile Tuttle, who is a very sweet, pretty baby.

November 11.—I am having a very happy time on my forty-sixth birthday. So lovely to have Clara here. She brought me a present of some pretty white dress goods.

November 13.—Miss Long returned to-day from Darjeeling. Miss Miller will stay a few weeks longer in Darjeeling, as she is not well.

There is a little cholera scare here among the natives, and we hope it will not last long. Our washerman's wife died of cholera, but no Christians have been attacked.

November 14.—Pitt returned to-day from Tura. It is delightful for us to be all together in our home.

December 4.—This is Pitt's fiftieth birthday. Hope he is having a happy, peaceful day in camp. Wish he could be at home to-day.

December 10.—We hear Rev. and Mrs. W. Dring and Dr. E. W. Clark are returning to Assam. They are probably now on their way out. This week Bro. Penn Moore and Charlotte have come down from Almora to

Calcutta, and Charlotte is in the General Hospital and very weak. May God comfort them.

December 15.—We are expecting Pitt home from camp, and think he will remain with us until after Christmas.

December 20.—Such a good sermon by Pitt from II Cor. ix. 15 : "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift." What would this world be without Jesus? In our rejoicing at this Christmas time, let us remember God's great gift to us. The Sunday School Examination is to-day.

Miss Miller has returned from Darjeeling, but does not seem well.

We hear Penn will run up to Assam for a few weeks unless Charlotte grows worse.

Christmas, 1903.—A great event in our family life is—that we are all three together to-day in our home. This is a memorable Christmas because Clara is with us.

We began the day with our *Merry Christmas* wishes and family presents. Then came family prayers and breakfast. For breakfast we had beef chops, sweet potatoes, lettuce, mince pie, oranges, etc. In the afternoon I went to the native Christmas service, at which Lucas preached on the meaning of Christmas. Clara was busy in the afternoon helping to prepare a small Christmas Tree for the 18 girls in Miss Long's boarding school. Mrs. Playfair, the wife of our Deputy Commissioner, gave all the presents for the Tree. For the older girls there were little work-baskets containing scissors, needles, thimbles, etc. The two youngest girls received dolls. There were bags of candy and nuts and "crackers" for all. Mrs. Playfair even gave the girls cake and tea. The girls did have a big time for once. Before leaving

they sang a Christmas hymn for Mrs. Playfair. After the Tree was over and the girls went home, the table was spread and we took dinner with Captain and Mrs. Playfair. We enjoyed the roast goose, English plum pudding, etc. Clara declares this has been a most happy Christmas. The native Christians had their feast of rice and curry as usual. Our home mail was received on Christmas morning, which added to our joy. Mrs. Playfair and the other ladies took tea with us one afternoon this week. Another afternoon Misses Long and Miller had us all to tea.

December 26.—Pitt has started for Silghat, to go to Bishnath to meet Mr. Dickson and Mr. Petrick, and to look over that field. As Charlotte seems more comfortable in Calcutta, Penn has left her in the hospital and returned to Assam for a few weeks. We hear Mrs. M. C. Mason, with two children, will start for America Feb. 1st.

December 30.—We are sorry to hear Captain Playfair is transferred, and they will leave Nowgong early next month. Clara has learned to ride my bicycle, and often goes out to ride and get warm these cool foggy mornings.

We hear Mr. and Mrs. Dring and Dr. Clark are in Calcutta, on their way back to Assam.

December 31.—Our home mail came to-day and brought a good letter from mother, which told of their Thanksgiving family party, when Ed., Alvah, and Mame were at home with mother, Charlie, and others. Only Rufus and I were absent.

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CLARA'S RETURN TO AMERICA.

January 1, 1904.—This is the happiest new year to us. It is a joy to have Clara here.

Our Christians had a New Year's service at 2 P.M. At 3 P.M. Mrs. Playfair came and took me for a long drive around the Mori Kullung, about seven miles. Then at 4 P.M. Mrs. Playfair served tea, cake and sweets on the Lawn Tennis ground. Clara had some good games of Tennis. We shall be sorry to have Captain and Mrs. Playfair leave next week.

January 10.—We hear Mrs. Carvell and little Douglas will sail from London on 26th Jan. by B. I. Steamer "Manora." Mr. Carvell will be so glad to welcome back his Alice and Douglas.

January 17.—Our Sunday text was II Peter iii. 14, 15 : "The forbearance of God should lead us to greater diligence."

January 26.—Mrs. M. C. Mason and two small children will sail to-day from Calcutta for U.S.A.

January 28.—We are having a visit of a couple of days from Bro. Penn Moore. He came to see Clara. They met once in America, but it was for only a few hours. Bro. Penn will soon return to Charlotte in Calcutta, and

probably he will take her back to the good climate of Almora for the summer. We hear she is cheerful, and no worse since reaching the General Hospital in Calcutta.

January 29.—It has been so nice to have Pitt at home with us for a couple of weeks. He has been busy with quarterly accounts, but took time to play a few games of Tennis with Clara.

Clara attended our Quarterly Covenant meeting, and told what a joy it was to be there, and said a few words on the friendship of Jesus. Clara is such a good, sensible girl, and oh ! how we love her.

She expects to leave us in March, soon after her twenty-third birthday, and she hopes to sail by the P.& O. Steamer " Syria " on the 16th March from Calcutta, and will probably reach New York in time to take " Regent's Medical Examination " in May, on her two years' study in Syracuse. Clara has been reviewing her books some while with us.

February 1.—Pitt has gone in camp ; Sekon Preacher is with him, and they will visit the half dozen weekly markets on the other side of the Kullung river, and return by the trunk road from Nokia. They will have opportunity to preach to many, and sell tracts and gospels.

The Annual Association was just held in North Lakhimpur, and next Sunday will be the Garo Associations in the Tura and Gauhati fields. Our Association will be at Balijuri the last Sunday in February.

February 2.—Miss Long's boarding-school girls and their matron, Humitra, are moving into their new dormitory to-day. They have a good strong house of three rooms, with iron posts and corrugated iron roof.

February 13.—Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Burdette are to

leave Gauhati on the 15th inst. to go home *via* the Pacific.

February 22.—Sunday. Pitt preached in Assamese from John xvi. 14 : “ He shall glorify me.” An excellent sermon to prepare the people’s minds for our Nowgong Association, Feb. 26th to 28th. At 2 P.M. a good prayer-meeting, when several prayed to be led and taught by the Holy Spirit. At 3 P.M., Sunday School.

February 27.—It is just four months to-day since Clara came. Four such happy months, and how we shall miss Clara when she leaves us next month ! Clara seems so thankful for these months of real home life. We shall always look back upon this winter with great pleasure.

I think about 50 of our Nowgong station Christians have gone to the Association at Balijuri. Am glad the weather is fine. Miss Miller takes breakfast with us while Miss Long has gone to the Association. Fourteen of the girls went with Miss Long. The three big girls stayed home, as Harriett is soon to be married.

March 1.—Pitt reached home at 11 A.M. to-day, and he says the meetings were good, and the attendance 380. There was a good spirit throughout the meetings, and quiet and attention. The church members present, 150 of them, will give 2 annas per member to support a boy or two to read in the Bible Class this year.

There must be now at least 300 members in our Nowgong District. There were 40 baptisms during 1903. Miss Long reports a good women’s meeting. During the Association there were ten baptisms and three weddings. The Balijuri Church furnished the rice only, the other food was taken out from the station. The last evening the farewell meeting lasted until 1 A.M. Mr. Swanson

started to come to our Association, but his bicycle broke and he had to turn back. All were sorry he could not come.

March 4.—Robi's son, John, has come from Impur, Naga Hills, and yesterday he and Harriett were married. Miss Long gave tea and biscuits for the women and girls at the girls' new dormitory. The ceremony was at our Mission chapel. Clara was much interested in this native wedding. John and Harriett will leave this evening for the Naga Hills. Harriett feels sad at saying good-bye to the boarding-school girls.

March 8.—This is our Clara's twenty-third birthday. She is well and strong, and does not dread the voyage back to America.

March 11.—On the evening of Wednesday, 9th inst., Clara and I started for Chapar Mukh. We had dinner, and at 9 P.M. Clara and I climbed into our covered bullock-cart and were off at the rate of two miles per hour. Pitt followed on foot a short distance to say a last good-bye to Clara, and his "God-bless-you." Clara and I could lie down on the straw bed in the cart, and we visited until midnight and then tried to sleep. At 5 A.M. we reached Chapar Mukh Railway Station, and at 7-20 A.M. the train came. My last kiss was after Clara was on the train, and then the whistle blew and Clara was soon out of sight. The tears would come. We are so thankful for Clara's visit, and we believe her whole life will be sweeter and better for it. We praise God for our lovely daughter, and ask Him daily to guide and lead her.

March 22.—Letters from Clara say she had a good time in Calcutta, and was safely on her steamer.

March 27.—We heard from Clara from Colombo. She found some pleasant ladies among the passengers on the P. & O. Steamer "Syria," and was having a pleasant voyage. I realize now how much I miss Clara.

March 31.—Pitt is busy to-day taking annual reports from his 12 village teachers.

April 2.—Miss Miller will go to Darjeeling for six months, and see if she can get rid of her low fever and grow strong. This climate is hard on her.

April 3.—Easter Sunday. I did so want to have Clara here this morning as we went to the river for baptizing. Sekon Preacher read Matthew third chapter. Then Pitt explained the meaning of Easter; and then said: "As Christ died, was buried, and rose from the dead, so baptism symbolizes death to sin and resurrection to newness of life." Bapuram Preacher prayed, and then Pitt baptized four boarding-school girls. After each baptism a verse was sung of the hymn: "Oh! happy day that fixed my choice." It all seemed unusually impressive to me. The morning was perfect. Our regular preaching service was at 11 A.M. Then the hand of fellowship was given to the four girls who were baptized, and we partook of the Lord's Supper.

From next Sunday our Sunday School will be at 7 A.M., and our Friday prayer-meeting at 8 P.M.

Pitt has asked the churches to choose someone to help him administer the ordinances, etc. The unanimous choice is Babu Henry Goldsmith. Henry knows the Bible best, and is probably the most suitable man. We expect Henry will be ordained next year.

As Pitt is teaching the Bible School Classes from four to six hours per day during the summer, he cannot

go out to the village churches for six months in the year.

April 14.—There was a real hail-storm here last evening. There were hailstones as big as small eggs, and we had ice water for once.

April 21.—Our mail came to-day and brought a letter from Clara which was posted at Suez. She was well and enjoying the voyage. Clara's visit has made her enter again into our home and work here. It is so easy to write her now, as she knows all about everything here and can picture us at our work.

Yesterday another of Miss Long's girls was married, Levi, of Golaghat, and Sodamoni were united in marriage at 4 P.M., and then all enjoyed tea, biscuits and sweets at Henduri's house. Levi brought Soda a pretty white Cashmere cloth and some pretty Assamese clothes. To-day the happy couple will go to Kampur and Soda will have her first ride on the train.

April 22.—This is our day in the "Prayer Calendar." I seem to feel that loved ones are praying for us and the work here. Our verse is: "Be strong and of good courage." To-day is also Bro. Penn's birthday. He writes of Charlotte's feeling *so tired*. We are glad to hear she has been able to sit up some in a long easy-chair since going to Almora.

May 9.—Yesterday after the preaching service a couple of village Christians were married. Babu Henry will soon be "Marriage Registrar" (as we have applied to Government for this authority for Henry), and then he can tie the knot for the village Christians. Henry has now gone out ten miles to a village to conduct the Sunday services.

When out walking I have sometimes given Christian leaflets to the Police Bugler, and I always noticed what a happy open face he has. Yesterday he came to our house and said : " I have read your books, your religion is good, and I want a girl, as I want to get married." We invited the Bugler in, and Pitt and two Christian men had a good talk with him. After explaining to him that religion is one thing, and getting married another thing, they explained somewhat the way of atonement through Jesus. The Bugler seemed very open and frank, and said he wants to read and learn more. So we gave him some good little books and invited him to call again, and to attend our meetings.

May 17.—We have heard of Clara's safe arrival in London. On the Atlantic she was to have Miss M. Sutherland, of our Burma Mission, as cabin mate.

Henry was out again last Sunday and baptized eight persons. •

May 25.—A new little girl has come into our boarding school. Her name is Rojawalla. She is about eight years old, and was brought from a tea-garden near Golaghat. The father is a carpenter, and agrees to pay Re. 1 per month towards the child's support. We will call her Rosie. She seems very bright and pretty, but has been allowed to run wild.

May 29.—We were greatly surprised last evening to hear of the sudden death of Naina. She was an Assamese Christian sister whom I have loved for over 20 years. She was unusually neat for a native, and I always enjoyed a call and chat at her home. She was married 12 years ago, and must have been 30 years old. Naina's surroundings were trying, but she lived a Christian life

and at one time she had a flourishing little school for Musulman children. Besides their lessons she taught the children to repeat the First Catechism and Christian hymns. Naina left a husband and an adopted girl.

June 2.—We have just heard of our Clara's safe arrival in New York City. We are most thankful to learn she had a good voyage and is well and happy. She had a good visit in New York with her Uncle, Orson W. Moore. Clara writes that her whole trip has been ideal, and she has the greatest satisfaction in thinking of her visit to her parents and her early home.

June 3.—Pitt has been looking up some figures to see what advance has been made in Assam in the last 25 years. He says :—

“ The advance in Assam has not been by leaps and bounds. The devil has hotly contended every inch of it, and yet our Lord triumphs, and some advance has already been made ; and the present movement is forward ; our drummer boy does ‘ not know how to beat a retreat.’

“ When we came to Assam in 1879, there were five Mission families and two single ladies, occupying altogether four Mission stations. One other station was at that time in charge of a native preacher, and two others were unoccupied on account of disabled missionaries having to retire from the field.

“ Now in 1904, we have eighteen families and three single ladies, now occupying eleven stations. The Baptist Church membership was then 1,331 in 13 churches and 17 branch churches. Now there are 77 churches, and 6,898 members.”

June 12.—Yesterday at 5 P.M. little Sarola died. She was in the Girls' Boarding School, and has been ill for four weeks with very high fever. The little frail body

could not longer endure the strain. The good soup and medicine kept her alive until the fever broke, but there was not much rallying strength left. The funeral was at 10 A.M. to-day. Pitt read some comforting passages of Scripture, and told of Sarola's joyful welcome into heaven. We sang her favourite hymn. Sarola was about ten years of age, and a sweet little Christian. I wish there were some way to get sick girls of our boarding department nursed without Miss Long having to do it, as it is a hard strain on her. A dream Miss Long had seems to comfort her. She thought in her dream that Sarola died, and came back and called her name and said: "Heaven's door stood wide open to me."

We had a rough box made for Sarola, and covered it with white cloth. She was laid out in clean white clothes, and beautiful white flowers were strewn over her.

Two natives carried the box, and Mr. Moore offered a short prayer at the grave.

June 17.—We received rather a long cablegram to-day from Boston. By referring to the "Code" we understand it to mean: "Request Dickson to visit Darjeeling. They can stay until October. Grant \$250." We think this means that the A.B.M.U. will not take up work at Dhubri, where Mr. and Mrs. Dickson have been living for a short time. Mrs. Dickson is not well, and I am sure they will be glad to go to Darjeeling for a time.

June 20.—Our Küllung river has risen, and now two small steamers come here weekly. We are having plenty of rain now.

June 21.—The longest day in the year has been a very happy one for me. Mrs. Thompson took me for a drive

in the evening. We often go to the Lawn Tennis ground in the evening.

We hear the Doctors have ordered Miss Miller down to Kurseong, about half-way down the hills. The elevation of Darjeeling is too great for her weak heart. We hope and pray her breathing will improve and her strength return.

It is very damp here now, and there is a good deal of fever and bowel trouble among the natives.

June 22.—I have been reading some in the "Twentieth Century New Testament." I was greatly impressed with the wealth and perfection of our God by reading Philippians. Revelation, too, seemed much easier to understand.

June 25.—Clara's last letter said she had just taken "Regent's Examination" on her two years' work in Medical College. She wrote: "I shall be greatly surprised if I did not pass." She will probably hear the result within one month.

The examination was held in the Assembly Room in the Capitol building in Albany, N.Y. There were 30 gentlemen, and Clara was the only lady.

My mother wrote she recently had eight of her ten grand-children with her to spend the day.

June 26.—We were all surprised and shocked this morning to hear of the sudden death of Sukumari. She had not seemed quite well recently—a little fever and aenemic. Still she was about as usual, and last evening ate her rice with the other girls in the boarding school, and went to bed. This morning the girls discovered that Sukumari did not get up, and on going to call her they found she had died in the night. She must

have died without a struggle—a most beautiful death. Her face was very peaceful. She went to sleep on earth and awoke in Heaven. She was of a sweet disposition, and greatly loved by the other girls.

This is the third funeral among our Christians within one month. All three were prepared to die. After speaking of Sukumari's beautiful death, Pitt pleaded with young and old to be ready at any moment.

July 3.—Yesterday at 2 P.M. was our Quarterly Covenant meeting. A good number were out to the meeting, and several spoke earnestly of a desire to know the mind of Christ and to do the work for which He has placed us here. Henry said: "The Lord has kept me in health and strength that I may do His work." At the Communion Service to-day Pitt gave a good talk on our need of spiritual food.

Mrs. McNaught has taken a house at Kurseong this summer and has kindly consented to let Miss Miller board with her. She is more comfortable with Mrs. McNaught than at the hotel, and has more congenial company.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickson have gone to Darjeeling for three months.

July 4.—Miss Long had me over to tea, and she had her flags out. We talked of home, and fireworks, and ice cream, etc.

July 8.—Our silver wedding. First this morning came good wishes, and 25 kisses for the next 25 years. A little later I found on the bureau this love letter:—

"July 8th, 1904. My well beloved Jessie. Please accept the enclosed as a little token of the love that has blessed our lives during the past twenty-five years.

'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.'

'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.'

With ever deepening affection,

Your loving

PITT."

The "enclosed" was 25 bright new silver rupees. After our noon breakfast we had prayers, and thanked our Father for all His loving kindness shown to us in so many ways.

Yesterday we received a good letter from Clara which made us happy. We are thankful Clara has found her "hero," and that he is so worthy of her deep love.

Clara is probably working in Oneida, N.Y., this summer, as companion for an old blind lady who is wealthy. Clara likes to earn money enough to buy her own clothes.

Clara was at Syracuse College Commencement, and had a good visit with Roland on 31st May, Tuesday. She writes she has passed "Regent's Examination," and received an average of 85 per cent.

Now to return to our "silver wedding." I gave a little surprise to the ladies of Nowgong, whom we invited to tea and cake at 5 P.M., when I appeared in my wedding dress (white swiss muslin) and told them of the great event in our lives just 25 years ago. We had out the family album and enjoyed a pleasant two hours together, and before parting we sang: "Blest be the tie that binds," and Pitt played his organ voluntary. Miss Long, Mrs. Burt, and Mrs. Thompson and sister, came. Mrs. Engelbret sent a nice letter of congratulation. We looked at the shiny rupees, and the silver teaspoons from my

mothers, brothers and sisters. Penn and Charlotte also gave some lovely little spoons.

Miss Long came to dinner at 7 P.M., and seemed so happy. The servants, and our Christians, too, were interested in this happy occasion. May our Father make us more useful in this corner of His vineyard.

July 16.—The Annual Examination of the Sunday School Union of India is to-day. Thirty-two from our Sunday School tried the printed questions, and we will examine their written answers soon.

July 22.—I have received a clipping from a newspaper from Hamilton, New York, which tells of the first Annual Banquet of the Hamilton Female Seminary Association, held in Hamilton on June 16th, 1904. There were 146 present, and words of welcome were given, and various toasts responded to by old students of the Seminary. I received an invitation to attend the Reunion, and would like to have been there. A Miss Bigelow, of New York, spoke on: "Our girls in the mission fields."

Mrs. Goodenough, who still lives in Hamilton, gave a Reception in the evening in the parlours of the old Seminary. Prof. M. Goodenough, who was Principal of the school in my day, died on June 6th, 1901.

Miss Hackley, an old teacher, was at the Reunion. The girls came from far and near.

July 29.—I did have a little picnic (or excursion) for once. I went 15 miles by the little steamer to Raha. After leaving the steamer I went to the Raha Rest-house and ate some breakfast. I came home in a covered bullock-cart and was with Pitt again by 9 P.M. The little outing was pleasant. To my surprise I found

Babu Gonahas, a Hindu *Gohain*, on the steamer as a passenger. He was accompanied to the steamer by a small band of four drums, and many followers. Some of his followers fell to the ground before him to give their salaams. A brass gong was solemnly beaten frequently, to show he was a *Gohain* (Hindu priest). On the steamer Gonahas sat on a chair, and was fanned, and his gong was beaten at short intervals. Gonahas is a Government Tax Collector, and has just been transferred to Tezpur District.

Gonahas speaks English and should be above such nonsense, but he seemed to enjoy all the pomp and the attentions shown him.

August 7.—At 3 P.M. yesterday Godhuli died peacefully. She has been ill for over two months, and suffered much. Godhuli was one of our older Christian women, and very kind-hearted. She was always so kind to others in sickness that she will be greatly missed. Dear good old Godhuli is happy now with her Saviour.

August 19.—A good mail this week. The July magazine is the Annual Report of our Society, the American Baptist Missionary Union, and furnishes much good reading. The new Schedule has come. We get Rs. 1,200 to rethatch and repair all our Mission buildings. In the Schedule are the names of Rev. and Mrs. S. A. D. Boggs and Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Gurney, so we hope they will soon return. Mr. Boggs has money for the buildings for the Bible School, to be located at Jorhat.

August 20.—At 3 P.M. Mary died at the hospital. At noon Dr. Bancroft sent us word that Mary's breathing was difficult, and Mr. Moore went to see her. Mary has been ill for one year from "Kala-azar" (Black Fever) and lung complication. Mary was very bright in school

and an earnest Christian. Mrs. Firth sent Mary to our boarding school in order to get her away from her father, who is a leper. Mary was about 14 years old, and never showed any signs of leprosy. Mary's Testament and hymn-book were found under her pillow. Dr. Bancroft was very kind to Mary in the hospital, and saw that she had good food and medicine.

During ten years, 1891 to 1901, during the prevalence of "Kala-azar," the population of Nowgong District decreased 25 per cent. The disease has decreased since 1901, and is now leaving our district we are glad to say.

September 11.—Sunday. At 11 A.M. Pitt preached in Assamese. After the responsive reading of the ninety-first Psalm, Henry read II Kings vi. 8-23.

First Pitt emphasized the thought: "They that be with us are more than they that be with them." In other words, we are more likely to see our enemies than those who are on our side.

Then Neyai explained "wireless telegraphy," and Pitt used that as an illustration. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Our hearts must be in accord with God if we would receive His messages.

As in wireless telegraphy the two machines at the two extremities must be *exactly* alike in order to give and receive the messages, so our hearts must be pure if we would receive God's messages.

September 25.—A poor little orphan girl about three years old has been given to our Mission. The mother died at the jail, and there was no one to care for the child. We hope with good food and care she will grow strong and well, and learn to love Jesus. Humitra,

the boarding-school matron, will take charge of the child.

October 11.—Just 25 years ago to-day we sailed from New York for Assam. Happy, busy years they have been.

Nowgong is to have a public library we hear. The Chief Commissioner has funds to give this library—Rs. 200 annually to buy books.

Pitt has been building, with Bapi's help, a *spring* bullock-cart. The wheels and springs were from an old buggy.

October 19.—Yesterday was the big day of the Durga Puja Festival. It rained so hard in the afternoon that the ardour of the crowds of Hindus was greatly dampened. After the rain stopped, at 5 P.M., the few remaining ones accompanied the three images of the goddess Durga to the river, and the images were placed on "mars" (of boats) and after a furious drumming for three hours, were thrown into the river.

October 20.—A letter from Clara says she is back in Syracuse, and ready for college work. She will have to study hard. Clara enjoys her medical work, and says the Professors seem so competent.

November 1.—The Assam party, Rev. and Mrs. S. A. D. Boggs and two children, Rev. and Mrs. L. W. B. Jackman, and Miss Isabel Wilson, have reached India safely, and in a few days will be in Assam. We wrote letters of welcome to them to Calcutta.

Last week Pitt sent off his annual accounts to Boston. Our thatch grass is now being cut, and we hope soon to get about our repairs in earnest. Our cool weather has begun with a slight fog this morning.

November 12.—Miss Long has gone in camp for three weeks or so, to Kothiatoli, Balijuri, and Udmari.

December 2.—Miss Long returned from camp. She enjoyed the village work. I will copy from her journal to give an idea of the work. She wrote:—

“We have just returned from a market two miles away. I am hungry, but must write this to send in by the cart. Well! we left Kothiatoli at 7 A.M. I had the servants, and Lucas Preacher, and the cartmen up at 5 A.M., so you see I hustled the East for once in my life. Everybody was happy, and all went as smoothly as could be desired.

“I walked a good distance of the way to Topotjuri, and there met some of our Christian men. We all had something to eat, and then hurried on to Balijuri, arriving at 2-30 P.M. The men put up the two small tents. Mine is in front of the chapel, under a tree, and is delightfully cool. We had a good time Thursday at Kothiatoli. Lucas, Godhula and I went east of the Post Office to an Assamese village. The headman was very pleasant and invited us to hold our meeting in their “Namghor” (a Hindu public hall). We hung up our big Bible pictures and then began to sing, and we made the place ring. In the “Namghor” I saw a manufactured white horse minus one leg, and some images. In no place have the people listened better. Godhula Brown and Lucas surpassed themselves in preaching the Gospel that day. Saturday we had a big crowd to listen to us at the bazaar. Dyal and one married woman went with us. I gave out some tracts to those who can read. The men preached well. We are going to Topotjuri after the women’s meeting to-morrow, and then I hope to meet all the Christian women. We are all well and trying to do good every hour of the day. Thank you for sending out the spring cart for me. Saturday evening I called on all the Christian women. On Sunday morning there was a good little attendance at Sunday School. Lucas preached at 11 A.M., and told how Paul carried a great

burden on his heart for the churches, and he carried the burden for the sake of Christ, and then applied it to the Balijuri Church, and urged them to bear bravely like Paul.

"At the women's meeting, at 1-30 P.M., there were 20 women. Mary read John viii. 1-11. I explained it and drew some lessons for ourselves, and then Lucas added a few words. After that 25 of us started for Topotjuri. At the little chapel Godhula preached on "Abide in Christ." The chapel was crowded. Afterwards I had a good little talk with the women. The Balijuri women sometimes go to Topotjuri (four miles) to hold women's meetings. Balijuri Mary leads the meetings in both places, and thus they try to help their sisters. They also put pice in the collection basket. I see much in the people to love, and I do love them. On the way back to my tent we sang and repeated Scripture verses; hymns both in Mundari and Assamese. Then I had the women repeat the verses they have learned, and most of them could repeat seven verses, such as John iii. 16, and Romans v. 8. I was delighted, and thank God for this evidence of the faithfulness of the Christian women.

"My heart goes out to the poor children all about us in the villages. I would like to gather them by hundreds in good schools and under Christian influences. How I wish I could preach like Paul, and have the Assamese language like Mr. Moore! I am sure the Lord meets with us. Praise God! He meets with his humblest believers and grants to them His richest blessings. God has no favourites. As I look into our women's faces my heart goes out in love to them, and a great longing comes to say something that will help them in their Christian living. The contrast between some of our Christian women and the heathen is sometimes almost startling. Nothing short of the miracle of the new birth could change these people so. I feel sure if we go in the strength of the Lord, and tell the Gospel message, our work will not be in vain."

December 4.—Sunday. This is Pitt's fifty-first birthday. He is well and happy, and we are so glad to be in the work in dear Assam.

December 5.—Nowgong has had another visit from the Chief Commissioner of Assam. He and Mrs. Fuller, and their Personal Assistant, came to see our school, and Mrs. Fuller also went to see the girls' dormitory and weaving.

December 6.—We are very busy these days. Pitt is superintending repairs, and we are trying to get ready to go to Conference. Miss Long's bungalow is rethatched and ours is begun.

December 10.—I left home on the evening of the 7th inst., and on the 8th took train at Chapar Mukh for Gauhati. I had dinner with Mrs. Boggs, of Gauhati, and then took the steamer for Goalpara. Reached there the next evening, and I am now having a delightful visit with Mrs. Stephen and her three lovely little girls. Goalpara hill is a beautiful spot, with its fine view of the river and the surrounding hills. There are good roads over Goalpara hill, and on the top a level spot which used to be the parade ground. Mr. Stephen is away in camp.

December 12.—One evening we walked down to the old cemetery where Marie Bronson was buried. She died of cholera in 1874, when only 33 years old. She was returning from Calcutta, and died on the steamer near Goalpara, and was deeply mourned. The text on the tablet in the cemetery reads: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

December 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen are Scotch, and their girlies have such a pretty brogue. They will all go to Conference in Gauhati next week.

December 15.—I left Goalpara last evening and reached Gauhati late this evening. I found all busy getting ready for Conference.

December 17.—Bro. Penn Moore and Charlotte are here in Mr. Boggs' bungalow. It is very kind of Mr. and Mrs. Boggs to take them in. Charlotte can sit up some, but is not able to stand on her feet. She is not very uncomfortable except when she coughs. She is thin and weak and gets very tired, but is remarkably cheerful.

December 19.—Monday. Pitt came to-day from Nowgong and reports the thatching as nearly finished, and our house is being whitewashed while we are away. Pitt brought his tent.

December 22.—All the members of the Reference Committee are now here in Gauhati, and the men are hard at work considering the Budget of Appropriations for next year. Mrs. Phillips and I are having a nice time to visit this week. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman, our new workers, are living with Miss Wilson.

December 25.—Sunday. Nearly all our missionaries arrived yesterday and we organized last evening, and our Conference properly begins to-day. A "merry Christmas" to all was of course the first thing this morning. We are happy and so glad to all be here together. Our first meeting was at 9-30 A.M., and led by Mr. Phillips. His subject was: "The Abiding Saviour." Many took part in this first prayer-meeting. At 10-30 A.M. Rev. Walter C. Mason preached from Matt. xiv. 16, subject: "The loaves and the fishes." The Assamese meeting in the afternoon was led by Babu Samuel Loveday. Bazaar preaching at 4 P.M., and in the evening Miss Wilson led the prayer-meeting.

December 28.—At 8 A.M. every morning there is a prayer-meeting. The services are from 8 to 11 A.M. and 1 to 4 P.M., and again at 7-30 P.M.

Dr. Witter's good hymn gets sung frequently, and is always enjoyed. Letters have come from Dr. Barbour, Dr. Witter and Mrs. Clark.

ASSAM CONFERENCE HYMN.—1904-05.

Tune—JESUS SAVIOUR, PILOT ME.

I.

Jesus, Master, let us share,
Share the burdens Thou dost bear,
Thou who knowest all the way
Ere shall dawn the golden day
When Assam Thy crown shall be,
Thine and ours eternally.

II.

On the mountains we would be
Beacon lights, O Christ, for Thee,
Pointing warriors savage, wild,
To the manger, and the Child
Who as Prince of Peace shall be
Chief and King eternally.

III.

From the many heathen shrines
Whence no ray of hope outshines
May all eyes be turned to Thee,
Thou the Christ of Calvary
Until all Assam shall be
Thine and ours eternally.

IV.

Lord, we hail the vision bright,
And we praise Thee, Lord, to-night
For the tokens of the day
Now forth-speeding on its way
When Assam Thy crown shall be,
Thine and ours eternally.

—*William Ellsworth Witter.*

December 30.—Without any previous arrangement Christ has been presented in some aspect in almost every devotional meeting. We have considered Him as the abiding, loving, peace-giving, revealing and perfect Saviour. The reports of work from each station for the last two years have been encouraging and most helpful. Mr. Boggs is our Chairman, and Mr. Jackman is our Clerk. The subject of new bungalows at Tika for the Mikir missionaries has been up. It is decided to have only men of five years' standing on the Reference Committee. Mr. Boggs will now be Secretary of the Reference Committee. Pitt read a long paper on "Christian Literature for Assam." Bro. Penn Moore's subject was: "Sunday School Work."

Mr. Petrick, in relating an incident, said: "We count only the light hours."

Let us remember that as we close the year.

VI.

AN APPEAL, FOR CONCERTED PRAYER FOR ASSAM.

January 1, 1905.—With a "Happy New Year" to all we begin 1905. Miss Long lead the 8 A.M. prayer-meeting. Her subject was: "In Him," and she read parts of John xv. At 10 A.M. Mr. Jackman preached. His text was: "The Kingdom is at hand." An excellent sermon. Our new year resolution is: "Our best for God."

In the evening Mr. Petrick led the praise service. Many Scripture texts of praise to God were repeated. This was a beautiful closing meeting for our Conference. God has blessed us, and we thank Him, and look to Him for strength for the future. There were 34, of our 41 missionaries, at Conference. Our only visitor was Miss Jennie Crozier, M.D., a sister of our Dr. Crozier of Tura. She has come out under the Disciple Society to work in Central India.

Dr. and Mrs. Rivenburg could not come to Conference because they are building a new bungalow at Kohima. Mr. and Mrs. Dowd welcomed a new little daughter, Miss Dorothy Ruth, on Dec. 14th, 1904. Mrs. Paul did not come. Miss Miller and Mrs. Dickson are in Calcutta for medical treatment. There were eight children at Conference.

The Reference Committee recommended that Mr. and Mrs. Dickson go to Impur, as Mr. and Mrs. Perrine are leaving for home. Mrs. Perrine continues to get low fever and must go. Mrs. Dr. Crozier will also soon go home on account of poor health. Rev. M. C. Mason will soon go on furlough, and join his family in America.

I cannot do better for my readers than to insert Mr. Paul's little report of Conference, which was printed in the *Standard* of Feb. 25th, 1905.

THE ASSAM CONFERENCE.

“ Once more the missionaries of the Missionary Union labouring in the hills and plains of Assam have been together for a week's Conference, and that spiritual uplift which always comes to us at such gatherings. All but one of our stations were represented ; and only seven of our members, all told, were absent.

“ This Conference differed from all its predecessors in some respects. First, because, instead of a general entertainment plan, as formerly, the camping plan was tried. The ideal of this plan would be simply a pause in our ordinary touring to camp in one place for a week ; the missionaries' children taken into camp with their parents ; and every family catering, sleeping, and dining in its own tents. But the hospitality of the three families living in Gauhati was so great, and the house accommodation so plentiful as to make tents conspicuous by their absence ; for while there were thirty-five missionaries and eight children present, only four tents were pitched.

“ The Conference differed, too (from former ones), in that nearly all the papers read, and to have been discussed, were crowded into the two last days by necessary discussions, alterations, and, I hope, improvement of the by-laws of the Conference and Reference Committee ; and by going into and coming out of, that

generous institution known so well to the readers of the *Standard* as the Committee of the Whole. I wondered once or twice whether the "whole" related to all the people or all the work. But we got back to Conference again through one of those doors which Roberts has made, and which our good President knows how to open; and all went well. Yet the poor dear by-laws came out of that Committee almost unrecognizably changed, and I doubt if their father (Dr. Rivenburg) will recognize them. The sum total of the results of the changes spells 'better representation of the whole Mission on the Reference Committee.' No more, no less.

"Another thing which made this Conference unlike others was the kindness of the Programme Committee in appointing women leaders for nearly all the devotional services. Every one of these meetings brought us near to the Lord of the Conference. Although each leader took a different subject or topic, there was a continuity, a harmony, a subtle unity of thought which could have been suggested to our sisters only by the Holy Spirit; for through all these meetings we were made to feel our needs and see the satisfying Saviour, and tender, helpful friend. They were sweet and blessed hours.

"The sermon preached on New Year's morning by our new missionary, Rev. L. W. B. Jackman, was a strong, healthy, timely discourse, which appealed to every person present to give always the very best of body and soul and every power to Christ and His kingdom. That missionaries are not outside of that great host of Christians which needs such appeals was abundantly shown by the many expressions of thanks for the help which this splendid sermon gave. And it reminded us, too, that some of America's great preachers are on the foreign field.

"I should not close this report without mentioning the generous gift of Rs. 3,500 by Dr. Clark, for the purpose of building a bungalow for our new missionaries at Sadiya. Dr. Clark's gifts to the Missionary Union have been many; but they are always made with true Christian modesty.

A letter from Mr. F. J. Needham, C.I.E., the Political Agent on the Assam frontier at Sadiya, assures me of a warm welcome for Mr. and Mrs. Jackman, and makes Dr. Clark's gift quite timely.

"The reports from the various stations showed a normal number of baptisms, and that Assam is still one of the most fruitful fields occupied by the Union. There was almost a uniform statement, from all over Assam, which shows the growing accessibility of the various peoples for whom we work. There is a great demand for preachers and teachers, especially in the Garo and Naga Hills. The reports show also that the Government is aiding and desiring to aid missionary educational work to a degree which some of us are afraid of. We expect that our strong Literature Committee will give us a small Baptist periodical in the Assamese language. Mr. Gurney is on his way out to superintend this and much other literary work.

"Though some of our missionaries live ten days from a store, the absence of grumbling would lead me to think that all had daily access to 'Marshall Field's,' and though I am no judge of hats and frocks, I saw some gracefully and tastefully dressed women (aye and men, too) at the pleasant social given by Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, and heard songs and recitations, and hearty laughter, and good instrumental music, just as though we had been at a good church social in America. I saw a group of mothers there, too, who have children in the homeland far away; and quite understand the sympathetic tears that will come, and should come, at such a time.

"Altogether these Conferences are necessary; exceedingly helpful to the missionaries as individual Christians and workers, and they are necessary and helpful for the Missionary Union as an organization."

North Lakhimpur.

JOSEPH PAUL.

It is recommended that Mr. and Mrs. Jackman study Assamese in Gauhati this year, and then begin work in

Sadiya. Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Gurney are soon expected, and will live at Dibrugarh. Mr. Gurney is to do literary work, subject to the Assam Literature Committee.

January 2.—We left Gauhati at 11 A.M. by train, and reached Chapar Mukh about 3 P.M. Pitt rode his bicycle from there, 15 miles, and was at home by 6 P.M. I came in our covered spring bullock-cart and was here by 10 P.M. We found the house all whitewashed, and Kelai had washed the windows and woodwork, and spread down the mats. Tuesday and Wednesday we were very busy getting our home settled, and servants and table in running order.

Tuesday noon, Mr. and Mrs. Carvell and their little Douglas arrived. Mrs. Carvell and Douglas will be with us until about April 1st, and then they will probably go to Darjeeling for the summer. Mr. Carvell returned to Tika on Monday, Jan. 9th, and he will try to patch up Bro. Penn^r Moore's old house there. The Reference Committee recommended that the A.B.M.U. give Rs. 6,000 for a new bungalow at Tika.

On Friday, Jan. 6th, was our Quarterly Covenant meeting. On Saturday the business meeting, and at the Communion Service on Sunday the hand-of-fellowship was given to Henduri Dhai and Rongagoroni.

January 14.—We have sent our big tent to Jorhat for Mr. Boggs to use while he is building the new bungalow there. Pitt will have the Bible School boys to teach this summer while Mr. Boggs gets the buildings ready at Jorhat.

January 16.—Just 25 years ago to-day we first saw Nowgong. We praise God for His help all these years. We thank Him for health and strength and all the

blessings we enjoy, and for the privilege of working in Assam. We have been recalling what took place our first few days in Assam. It all comes back vividly to us.

January 26.—The days are short and pass so quickly. Pitt is leaving this afternoon to attend the Annual Association of the churches in upper Assam. The meeting will be at Nazira, in the Sibsagar District. After the meeting Mr. Gurney will meet the Literature Committee, to consult with them about his literary work for the Assamese. Mrs. Carvell and little Douglas keep me company while Mr. Moore is away.

The home letters tell of the happy Christmas Clara had with her Grandma and others, and of the many presents received.

February 5.—Bro. Penn Moore and Charlotte want to return to Tika soon, if Charlotte is able to take the journey. She seems most anxious to be again on Tika hill.

The past week has been cold for Nowgong. We shiver in the morning when we find mercury at 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Pitt has returned from the Sibsagar Association, and reports good meetings and an attendance of 350 native Christians and nine missionaries—Messrs. Petrick, Paul and Swanson, whose fields were represented; and visitors, Messrs. Boggs, Dickson, Jackman, Moore and Gurney. Mrs. Swanson was the only lady present. After the Association was over, the Literature Committee met and talked over Assamese literature and Mr. Gurney's work. A monthly newspaper is to be started with Mr. Gurney as editor. The name of the paper will be *জিফ* ("Light"). New tracts, and Sunday School lessons, etc., will keep Mr. Gurney busy.

Mrs. Crozier and her little Frances will sail for home this month, and next month Mr. and Mrs. Perrine will go.

Miss Long has been for a little trip to Calcutta. When she returned she found her bungalow in order, as the repairs are nearly finished.

February 20.—Pitt is in camp for ten days, and will take in our Association at Udmari, Feb. 24th to 26th. Mr. Carvell will come to attend the Association. Penn and Charlotte have gone back to Tika.

February 23.—We hear Charlotte is doing well at Tika. She lives in a verandah at the side of the house, as she thinks she cannot breathe inside the house.

March 1.—Pitt, Mr. Carvell and Miss Long have returned from the Association. The attendance was 290, and there were six baptisms and one wedding during the meetings. A grass shed served for the meetings, as the chapel was too small. Each morning there was a prayer-meeting. The subject the first day was "The Holy Spirit." There were reports from the eight village churches, and the Nowgong station church. There was singing in the Assamese, Bengali, Hindi and Garo languages. Miss Long and Humitra conducted the women's meeting. Four village Christian women will come into the station again this spring to study the Bible for one month with Miss Long.

March 5.—There have been 30 baptisms since Jan. 1st, 1905. There was a good attendance to-day at service when Bapuram preached on "The Holy Spirit in our hearts."

March 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Carvell and Douglas left after dinner this evening. They return to Tika now,

and after three or four months they will go to Darjeeling to stay until the end of the cool season. Mr. Carvell cannot leave his school work for all summer.

March 8.—One year ago to-day Clara spent her birthday with us. We do hope this, her twenty-fourth birthday, will be very happy. Her girl friends in Syracuse will help her celebrate the day. It will be one year to-morrow since Clara left us to return to America.

March 10.—Recently in camp Pitt baptized a whole family of seven persons, father, mother and children. The youngest was a boy of 14 years of age. During 1904, there were 77 baptisms in our district. At the end of 1904, there were 385 members in our Nowgong churches, and they contributed about Rs. 500 for all church, Sunday School, and home mission purposes.

In the Nowgong District there is a population of 260,000. There are only nine centres where groups of Christians hold meetings regularly, and some of these groups are very small, and some are organized churches. They all unite in the Annual Association in February, the object of which is the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

March 12.—The Assamese sermon to-day was good. Pitt first told how Christ spoke to our fathers, then by his prophets, and now by His Son. The text was Hebrews i. 2: "God hath in these last days spoken to us by His Son."

March 15.—Miss Long and I attended the Brahmo Somaj wedding of Babu Ramdurlabh Mozumdar's daughter this week. It was a pretty Oriental wedding. The bride has studied English some years in Calcutta. She wore a beautiful white silk "sari" and gold jewellery. Her jacket of pink and white satin was lovely. Under

the large white canopy was a square platform covered with mats, on which sat the bride and groom, facing each other, and near them the "Padri" (minister). The ceremony lasted an hour, and was solemn and impressive, somewhat like the Church of England ceremony. The Brahmo Somaj borrow from any religion they like. They have so much of the truth, now if they would only accept Jesus Christ as Divine. The bride and groom were each introduced to the assembled company, and each questioned. Their hands were joined and this solemn vow repeated by each : " As long as I live I will always try my best to help you through prosperity or adversity, happiness or misery, health or sickness, and I will not debar you from participating with me in the cultivation of religion or any earthly enjoyment. Let my heart be yours, let your heart be mine, and let the united hearts of both of us be God's."

The joint prayer of the couple was : " O God Almighty, Dispenser of all good, help Thou us in carrying out our sacred marriage vow." Then came the exchange of rings by the happy couple. Then some advice was given by the bride's father and the minister, and a closing hymn and prayer—all in Bengali. Now Miss Sarajobala Mozumdar is Mrs. Hemendranath Dutt, and they will live in Calcutta. We were invited to partake of tea, cake and sweets. Probably during the night the specially invited guests were feasted, as we could hear the drums after midnight. There was no idolatry, and no liquor connected with this wedding.

March 22.—I have to-day sent to the English Baptist Mission Press, Calcutta, the " copy " for another little Assamese book. It is Part II of " Peep of Day," and intended for older children than the first book. This

will complete my little series of three books each on the Old and New Testaments. Babu Henry Goldsmith has helped much on this last book by revising and copying for the press. He will also correct the proof. May God bless the little books to the children, young and old. These little Assamese books are being used in several of our Mission schools.

March 23.—We are glad to welcome Miss Ella G. Miller back to Nowgong. She seems somewhat better, and we hope she may have strength to work here.

On the 8th March Babu Sardoka P. Kay died. He was the Mikir Mrs. Anna K. Scott educated. He spoke English and was doing Government work in an office in Shillong until recently, when he took the work of collecting taxes from a section of the Mikirs in Nowgong District. He was interested in the work for the Mikirs, but could not come down to their level to work for them. I think he was a true Christian and meant right. He left a wife and five children. They have lived beyond their means and are left with debts.

March 25.—Rev. M. C. Mason, on his way home to U.S.A., will take in the Baptist World Congress in London, July 11th to 18th, 1905. Pitt has written these words of greeting to the Congress to send by Mr. Mason :—

“ Our hearts are in deep sympathy with the objects of your meeting ; and thrill with the tidings of the growth of the Kingdom that shall know no end ; whose King eternal, immortal, invisible is marching on to certain victory over every foe ; whose triumphs we also are witnessing in this remote and little-known province ; 10,000 Baptists having been enrolled in the last Government Census (of 1901), among the 36,000 native Christians of these hills and plains, where but a few decades ago Christ's name had not been heard.

"May the Congress contribute largely to the spread of Baptist principles throughout the world, hastening the day when religious liberty shall be the heritage and privilege of men everywhere, accelerating the consummation of 'that far-off divine event to which the whole creation tends.'

"May the Holy Spirit direct all your thoughts and deliberations; and grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord be your abundant portion in all your meetings, making them fruitful to the praise of His name.

"Yours in the fellowship of the Gospel,

"(Signed) All the Assam Missionaries."

April 3.—After Sunday School yesterday morning we all went to the river and Pitt baptized Danish, Grace and Hubudhi. Miss Long has prayed long and earnestly for Danish, and we are so thankful he has accepted Christ.

April 6.—Bible School work begins to-day. Pitt has ten young men for his classes, and perhaps two others will come. The interest in this department seems to be increasing and we are thankful. From next April Mr. Boggs hopes to be ready for the Bible School at Jorhat.

April 19.—Our home mail came last evening and brought beautiful letters from our dear Clara, and her friend, Roland Charles Harris. They became engaged on the 16th March. We are happy in their mutual happiness, and are writing our consent and congratulations. Roland will soon be Dr. Harris, as he will graduate from Syracuse (N.Y.) Medical College in June. Clara will have one more year in College. Roland took Clara out to his home in Ontario, 30 miles from Rochester, N.Y., and Clara met Roland's parents and sister Grace. Clara did have a lovely Easter vacation, and will always remember her ride on the cars from Ontario back to Syra-

cuse. Clara wrote: "My capacity for loving is rapidly increasing, and I love everybody more, and especially my dear papa and mama." We do so want to see Clara and Roland.

April 24.—Easter Sunday, and Bapuram preached unusually well. Doctor Bancroft's mother sent us beautiful white lilies for bouquets for our chapel. Even poor missionaries have some things lovely.

April 26.—We attended the closing exercises of the Government High School here. The exercises were in the fine new schoolhouse just built at Government expense. The building has 12 good classrooms and two fine long verandahs. The roof is Ruberoid.

May 6.—Pitt now has 12 men and boys in his Bible Classes. He teaches them six hours per day. The mornings are given to the New Testament, and the afternoons to the Old Testament.

May 12.—Our Assamese sister. Bogi Thomas, has often been mentioned in my journal. Bogi now lives with her daughter, Sushila, who has a Government position in the hospital in Shillong. Just now Bogi is here on a visit. Her sweet face and disposition, and white hair, make me love her, and I have good visits with her.

Another of her daughters, Rahel, has just come from Calcutta, where she has been studying medicine. Another daughter (Anundi, the widow of Sardoka P. Kay), with her five children, is now living in Bogi's old house on our Mission compound. Am afraid Sushila's salary will hardly hold out to support her mother and Anundi and family.

May 26.—We have company: Rev. G. H. Brock and

Rev. W. C. Owen of our Telugu Mission in South India. They spent one week in Tura, and saw Goalpara and Gauhati.

Yesterday they met our Christians at the chapel, and told them of the Telugu work. There are now 55,000 Telugu Christians. The work was begun 70 years ago, but most of the converts have come during the last 40 years.

May 28.—There was an unusually large congregation at our midday Sunday service, when Mr. Owen preached from Romans i. 16. He gave some reasons why we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. He told of the conversion of a little girl from Mrs. Owen's school of caste girls. Her triumphant death led to her father's conversion. Then Mr. Owen told of the difference between Christian and heathen Telugus. The Christians are cleaner and treat the women better. His talk will make our people think some, and do them good. Pitt interpreted into Assamese all Mr. Owen said Mr. Brock pronounced the benediction. We think the quiet week here has done our visitors good. To-morrow they will go on to Golaghat and Jorhat. We have enjoyed their visit, notwithstanding our *Khansamah* took ill, and one boy-servant balked. We soon got all to run smoothly.

June 4.—At the 11 A.M. service to-day Pitt told of the great Revival in Wales.

The Nowgong missionaries have sent an appeal for concerted prayer and action on the part of all Christians in Assam for the speedy advance of Christ's Kingdom in this province. The appeal reads:—

" DEAR FELLOW-MISSIONARIES,

" Doubtless all our hearts have been stirred by the tidings that have come to us of God's gracious work at this time in many lands, and we have felt a great longing for a very special blessing on Assam.

" This longing found partial expression at our last Conference at Gauhati; and we doubt not that many hearts are burdened and praying for the perishing multitudes in this land.

" In order that this ministry of intercession may become more widespread, and that we may *unitedly* lay hold on our God, this invitation to concerted prayer and action is issued, on what is believed to be the promptings of the Holy Spirit. It is desired to extend this invitation to every church and community of Christians in Assam. Hence a little time is needed to circulate the word. The following suggestions are offered for the four Sundays in June: (1) What are the hindrances among Christians? (2) How to overcome them. (3) Hindrances among the heathen. (4) How to overcome them.

" Let these services in June look forward to, and prepare the way for, four days of special meetings in each local church, Oct. 4th to 7th. At that time, besides definite and united prayer for our perishing neighbours, let there be plans made for a special campaign of witnessing for Christ before those neighbours during the following cool season.

" That ' Christ's Kingdom in Assam ' be the general subject of the series of meetings, and that the emphasis be put on *prayer* for the extension of that Kingdom.

" May the Holy Spirit work in our midst.

" Yours in His name,

" (*Signed*) The Nowgong Missionaries."

June 8.—We are having extra evening meetings this month. There seems to be an unusual spirit of prayer among our Christians. One evening Neyai Pandit told of the " showers of blessing " being given to the Khasi

Christians and their Welsh missionaries, and then Neyai knelt and prayed for a blessing, others followed in quick succession, and we know the Holy Spirit was in our midst. At the women's meeting on Wednesday, ten Christian sisters were out, and they, too, prayed definitely for a blessing on themselves, and for the unconverted about us.

June 9.—Clara's last letter says Roland will graduate from Syracuse Medical College on the 14th June, and that he has a position in a Syracuse Hospital for one year. So he will be in Syracuse while Clara is finishing her medical course.

June 11.—Babu Henry Goldsmith preached to-day. He first translated from Bengali a leaflet telling how the Holy Spirit communed with Evan Roberts in Wales, and how Mr. Roberts obeyed and went where he was told to go. Then Henry, with tears, begged them to confess their sins, and get their hearts clean and ready for the abode of the Holy Spirit. Then several prayed. Pitt stopped in his prayer, and there was silent prayer until Pitt asked other brothers to pray.

June 18.—This afternoon instead of the Christian Endeavour meeting and women's meeting, all were invited to meet at the chapel. After a little talk from Pitt, almost every one in the meeting prayed.

July 2.—Our Covenant meeting on Friday was well attended and full of interest. The women were invited to speak *first* for a change. Yesterday was the church business meeting, and to-day two boarding-school girls were baptized. There have been some decided answers to prayer, and we know the Holy Spirit is doing a quiet work in our midst. All were rejoiced to hear Maphruz

(Miss Long's cook) speak in Covenant meeting. He has had a fight with conscience.

July 12.—At least 40 of our boys and girls tried the All-India Sunday School Examination questions on the 8th inst.

The home mail last evening brought us the good news that Clara has passed her examinations and is now a Senior in Medical College.

July 28.—We all spent an enjoyable two hours on Monday afternoon listening to the "closing exercises" of our school. Misses Long and Miller and the teachers worked up a good programme. After singing, Scripture reading and prayer, the little folks recited and sang very sweetly in Assamese. The middle-size girls sang a Bengali song. The big girls did some gymnastic exercises, keeping time with Miss Long's organ accompaniment. Then two boys read essays, and there was more singing. Then closing remarks and prayer by P. H. Moore.

July 29.—Miss Miller has taken her first examination in Assamese this week, and passed very creditably. She could have taken this examination a year ago but for her illness. She is not strong now, but is doing well in language study.

August 8.—Yesterday Miss Miller took the little feeder steamer "Iris" for Gauhati, to visit Mrs. Tuttle. I went with her as far as Raha, 15 miles. The Kullung river is rather broad now, and we had lovely views of the distant hills. It was cloudy and not too hot. We visited for three hours on the steamer, and ate our lunch together. About 5 P.M. I left the steamer and returned home in a covered bullock-cart. I reached home at 3 A.M. tired, but glad I went

We are trying to persuade Miss Long to go to Darjeeling for six weeks as she needs a change and rest. She may go with Miss Bella Wilson of Gauhati. The Carvells, and Mrs. Boggs and two children, are in Darjeeling now.

The Schedule came from Boston in the mail this week. Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew will return from England in October. Dr. W. A. Loops, a new worker, will be sent out to Impur, Naga Hills. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman will soon move from Gauhati to Sadiya, to reopen work there. Dr. and Mrs. Rivenburg may soon go home on furlough, and be relieved by Mr. and Mrs. Dickson.

August 18.—Miss Long has gone to Darjeeling with Miss Wilson, and we are glad she will get this rest.

August 21.—This month here is very damp and rainy. The high water just now in our Kullung river has caused some rice fields to be flooded. As some native houses are now standing in water we fear there will be fever among the natives.

August 26.—Miss Miller has returned from Gauhati, and brought Mrs. Jackman with her for a visit. They had a wet ride in the covered bullock-cart from Kampur R. R. station to Nowgong, 20 miles.

August 27.—There was very heavy rain again last night, and this morning there is water standing around our bungalow. We hear the Brahmaputra river has not been so high in 40 years. Some natives, whose houses and yards are flooded, are living out in the road on higher ground.

August 29.—We are enjoying Mrs. Jackman's visit, and she is glad to be here while Mr. Jackman has gone to Sadiya to see about building there.

September 5.—Mrs. Jackman left to-day for Gauhati. She was ready to start two days ago, but we heard a bridge was broken, on account of high water, between here and Kampur, so she had to wait until the bridge was repaired.

September 19.—A Christian woman was drowned here to-day. We think she must have fainted as the water was not deep. She was the wife of Samuel, of North Lakhimpur, who has been reading here in the Bible School classes for about six months, and they were soon to return to their home.

The Bible School will close this week.

September 20.—Mr. Moore expects to start to-morrow for Tika, as he is anxious about his Bro. Penn. We hear Penn has dysentery, and fear it is getting chronic.

October 7.—Miss Long has returned from Darjeeling, and seems well and happy and ready for work.

October 20.—Pitt is still at Tika, and he writes as if he does not yet see much improvement in Penn's symptoms. We do hope and pray Bro. Penn may get well. Several cheerful little letters have come from Charlotte. She has her comfortable days without much coughing, and also her miserable days. Pitt is trying to work some on his annual accounts at Tika. I am trying to keep his Treasury work going here, and keep the accounts right, and look after work in general.

October 23.—Bro. Penn Moore is really no better, and Pitt may have to take him to Calcutta for treatment.

Many changes are taking place in Assam since the 15th Oct. The province is enlarged from six-and-a-quarter million to 30,000,000. The name is now "Eastern Bengal and Assam." The Chief Commissioner of Assam

is now Lieut.-Governor, and his wife is Lady Fuller. The Government rules and regulations and salaries, etc., will now be the same as in Bengal.

There was a sharp little earthquake shock on Sunday night at 10 P.M.

November 7.—Mr. Carvell has now returned to Tika. Mrs. Carvell and Douglas are stopping in Goalpara for a time with Mrs. Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dring are spending three days with me. They came at 4-30 P.M. yesterday, and will leave on Monday evening. Mr. Dring has just been to Impur, Naga Hills, to attend the Property and Reference Committees. I am having a good visit with Mrs. Dring. Mr. Dring seems to have a little fever, and is resting.

November 15.—Pitt is taking Bro. Penn to Calcutta and will put him in the General Hospital, where he will get proper medicine and nursing. Charlotte is brave and prefers to remain at Tika.

November 18.—I have received a wire from Pitt from Calcutta, which says he will come home next Monday. I am so glad.

I think Pitt will be in time to see Dr. W. A. Loops, and Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew, who are stopping for a few days in Gauhati.

November 21.—Pitt reached home last evening and seems well. He left Bro. Penn in the General Hospital, Calcutta, where he is being treated for "Colonitis."

December 1.—I have been away from home for a little outing of four days. On Monday evening I went by covered bullock-cart to Kampur and took the train to Gauhati. Then by steamer down to Dhubri and back. The day on the steamer from Dhubri up to

Gauhati was lovely. Such a fine sunset when we were near Goalpara! The gray clouds turned to red and were reflected in the water. I reached Gauhati in time on Thursday for the train, and was at home again Thursday night. I enjoyed it all, but am delighted to be again at home.

December 2.—Pitt sent off his annual Mission Treasury Accounts to-day to Boston. His stay at Tika made his accounts late, but he has written home explaining the delay. Bro. Penn has written of slight improvement. Charlotte continues cheerful and satisfied at Tika.

December 4.—This is my husband's fifty-second birthday, and we have had a quiet happy day together in our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackman are moving this week from Gauhati to Sadiya, where they are to continue the work for the Abor and Miri Tribes, which was begun by Messrs. Savidge and Lorrain. There is an old house there which they can occupy while building their new bungalow.

December 8.—I have been out three afternoons this week to teach children (and older ones) by the roadside. I hang up a big coloured Bible picture, and soon have a crowd about me, and can then tell them of Jesus and the only way of salvation. I also teach the children to commit to memory the little First Catechism, and some hymn such as "Jesus loves me," or a Bible verse, and give out some religious leaflets to those who can read, and sometimes picture cards to the children.

December 15.—Bro. Penn Moore seems to be really gaining now. He writes that he can sit up in a long chair, and is allowed some solid food, and has gained

2 lbs. in weight. We are so thankful he is better, and the good news will help Charlotte.

Dr. and Mrs. Rivenburg are in Calcutta on their way home to America. Mrs. Walter Mason will soon go home for a short visit, at her father's expense. Mrs. Mason's mother died recently, and now her aged father wants to see her.

December 21.—Pitt started for Tika to-day to stay for a few days only, while Mr. Carvell comes down to get Mrs. Carvell and Douglas and take them up to Tika. Hope Pitt can be home for New Year's.

My new book, Part II of "Peep of Day" has just come from the Press. We rejoice in anything that helps to make known the Gospel in Assamese. The book is full of little pictures and looks inviting in the bright coloured covers. Mr. Swanson has asked for 100 copies to use in camp and school work.

Bro. Penn Moore is gaining fast now and hopes soon to return to Assam. Charlotte fails slowly, but is peaceful and happy in mind.

December 25.—Monday. "Merry Christmas" to all.

December 26.—My Christmas was a happy day. In the morning I wrote and posted letters to my dear ones. At noon I went to breakfast at Mrs. Thompson's. After a pleasant little visit I came home at 3 P.M. and watched the out-of-door sports of our Christian boys and girls. Misses Long and Miller gave some little prizes to add to their enjoyment. In the evening they had their feast. They put up a white canopy, and with the ornamental plantain trees, and arches decorated with pink paper lace it looked very pretty. The entrance to our chapel was also decorated. Lucas conducted the Christmas

Service, and all enjoyed singing the new Assamese Christmas hymn, which Babu Samuel Loveday sent us.

“LET US NOW GO EVEN UNTO BETHLEHEM.”

ADESTE FIDELES.

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 হৰ্ষ জয়ধ্বনিৰে
 যাও বৈৎলেহমলৈ
 বেগাই আহাঁ ;
 আহাঁ, চাঁওগৈ তেঁওক,
 জন্মা দূতৰ ৰজাক ।
 আহাঁইক পূজোঁগৈ তেঁওক,
 আহাঁইক পূজোঁগৈ তেঁওক,
 আহাঁইক পূজোঁগৈ তেঁওক,
 প্রভু ঈষ্টক ।
- ২। ঈশ্বৰ' পৰা ঈশ্বৰ,
 দীপ্তিৰ পৰা দীপ্তি,
 তেওঁ কুমারীৰ গৰ্ভ
 নিষিণালে ;
 তেওঁ হ'ই নহৈ
 জন্মিল স্বৰূপ ঈশ্বৰ ।
- ৩। গোৱা হে দূতসমূহ,
 গোৱা উল্লাসেৰে,
 গোৱা উদ্ধত থকা
 বৰ্গ দূতগণ,
 “উদ্ধলোকত হওক
 ঈশ্বৰৰ মহিমা ।”
- ৪। ধন্য ঈষ্ট ভূমি
 জন্মিল এটি নন্দাৰ.

হওক যীশু সদাকাল
তোমার গৌরব ;
পিতৃর বি বাক্য
বাংলাত হল প্রত্যক ।

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The words and tune for this hymn are in "Hymns Ancient and Modern."

December 27.—I had such a good home mail last evening, with letters and little presents from friends. There will soon be some changes in Nowgong. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are transferred. Dr. Bancroft and mother will live in the Thompson house, and Dr. McNaught's family will return to their Nowgong home.

December 30.—Misses Long and Miller took tea and cake with me at 4 P.M. Then we took a nice walk together, and at 7 P.M. was our weekly prayer-meeting. The prayers showed that the Holy Spirit is in our midst. May He do a mighty work for Assam. We feel like counting our blessings at the close of the year. There were 63 baptisms in our Nowgong District during 1905.

December 31.—Sunday. Bapuram preached as usual at 11 A.M. The Sunday School was at 8 A.M. In the prayer-meeting at 3 P.M. we seemed to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. Several of the brothers and sisters prayed earnestly that God would help us all to begin the new year aright.

VII.

CLARA'S WEDDING, 1906.

January 1.—We want this to be the happiest and most useful year in our lives so far. We have a great deal to be thankful for.

It is now 8 P.M. and this has been a busy, happy day. In the morning I took a walk through the bazaar, and then went to wish Miss Long and Miss Miller a "happy new year." At noon I attended the Assamese service. This has been a beautiful bright day. Mercury was down to 50° this morning in our front verandah.

January 5.—At our Quarterly Covenant meeting to-day there were 35 persons. Many expressed the thought: "Let us press forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The church business meeting will be to-morrow."

January 7.—This has been a good Sunday. After Sunday School this morning we all went to the river where Babu Henry baptized one woman. After 11 A.M. preaching service Henry conducted the Lord's Supper. Then in the afternoon the women's prayer-meeting, and the boys' Christian Endeavour meeting.

Henry and Hodanunda went to Allahabad to attend the Christian Endeavour Convention, Dec. 20th to 22nd, 1905. They report an attendance of 400. Ramabhai's daughter was there, and spoke.

January 8.—Pitt came down from Tika and went to Gauhati to see Mr. Boggs for a couple of days before they move to Jorhat. On the way back Pitt stopped at Kothiatoli to hold a meeting with the Christians there, and baptized three persons.

January 11.—We hear Bro. Penn Moore is so far recovered that he hopes to start for Assam by the end of this week. How delighted Charlotte will be to welcome him home at Tika !

In the mail which came this week are three photos from Dr. Roland C. Harris, showing the hospital in Syracuse in which he is working for one year, the Doctor's room in the hospital, and the ambulance. As Roland is in each picture, it makes it seem as if we had seen him at his work, and makes us feel better acquainted. Roland and Clara are very happy in their mutual love, and we rejoice with them. Clara is studying very hard this last year in Medical College, and we shall be glad when she will finish in June.

Mother wrote of the Thanksgiving party, when she had four of her children, and several grand-children, with her. They each wrote me a few lines, and mother enclosed them in her letter, and also a Thanksgiving letter from my Bro. Rufus.

January 16.—This is the twenty-sixth anniversary of our arrival in Nowgong. Such happy, busy years, and we thank our Father for all His care and love. We celebrated the day by having company. At 3 P.M. Mrs. Dickson and Miss Bond arrived. Miss Bond has just been to Kohima for a visit, and Mrs. Dickson came down with her.

January 18.—Pitt has gone to Kampur to meet his

brother Penn, and have a little visit with him before Penn goes on to Tika. We are so thankful Penn is recovering his health. Our visitors are leaving this evening. Dr. McNaught's family has returned to their Nowgong home.

February 4.—Our Annual Association will be in Nowgong station this year, the first week in March.

February 12.—Pitt is on his way up to North Lakhimpur, on some Committee work, and may be away for two weeks.

February 19.—I have received a wire from Pitt which says he may reach Silghat by to-morrow night, and that I am to send out a bullock-cart for him. We have some good news from Impur. Dr. W. A. Loops will soon be married to Miss E. V. Preston of Madras. She is a new worker, who came out in the same party with Dr. Loops.

February 25.—Henry gave us a good sermon to-day from the text Phil. ii. 2-5. He tried to prepare the minds of the people for the Association.

March 6.—I have so much to write that I hardly know where to begin. Last Monday and Tuesday we were getting ready for our Association. On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Carvell and little Douglas arrived. With them came 20 Mikir boys and three girls. On Wednesday Messrs. Paul, Swanson and Tuttle arrived. Also companies of village native Christians.

Thursday, March 1st, was Babu Henry Goldsmith's examination. After a thorough examination Henry was accepted by the Nowgong Church for ordination.

Friday and Saturday the devotional meetings, reports from the village churches, and reports of native preachers on the year's work, etc. Also the women's meeting, and

Henry's Ordination.

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Christian Endeavour meeting. There were addresses by native brethren, conference concerning the Bible School, and a report from the Treasurer of the Association. P. H. Moore was elected Chairman of the Association; Bapuram, Assistant Chairman; Lomboram, Treasurer; and Neyai Pandit, Clerk.

Sunday was a full day. Sunday School at 8 A.M. Then we went to the river, and six persons were baptized. Then breakfast. The Ordination service began at noon. Mr. Carvell presided. Native brethren read the Scripture portions and prayed. Several hymns were sung. P. H. Moore preached the sermon. His text was Eph. v. 1-2. "Walk in love" was his theme. After the sermon Henry knelt, and there was the laying on of hands while Mr. Tuttle prayed. The hand of fellowship was also given by Mr. Tuttle. The charge to Henry was given by Mr. Swanson. Henry pronounced the benediction. Then followed the Communion Service.

The evening service lasted until after midnight. The delegates from each church either sang a hymn, or told how they had been helped by the meetings. On Monday was the love feast, and then their good-byes (salaams), and the visitors marched off to their respective villages. At the meetings there were 390 persons, including our Nowgong station Christians.

The Nowgong church, assisted by village churches, entertained the Association. The people were always seated on the ground to eat their rice and curry from pieces of plantain leaf. The weather was perfect during the meetings. Our chapel was not large enough, so a big square shed was built in front of the chapel, and mats spread on the ground for the people to sit on. All the meetings were held under this temporary shed.

Henry will soon go to Jorhat to assist Mr. Boggs in the Bible School. Henry is over 40 years of age, and knows the Bible. His work for years in translating, revising, and copying the Bible in Assamese has prepared Henry for teaching. Henry copied the whole Old Testament three times while working with Mr. Gurney. He also worked with P. H. Moore in revising the Assamese New Testament. Henry, too, is spiritually minded and will exert a good influence in the Bible School. His father, Tuni Goldsmith, was our native Pastor in Nowgong until his death. Henry's wife is in sympathy with him in all his work.

We feel a good deal of satisfaction over our Association, and thank our Father for all His mercies.

March 8.—This is Clara's twenty-fifth birthday, and I want to see her.

March 14.—Our latest Mission news is, Dr. W. A. Loops and Miss E. V. Preston were married on the 27th Feb., 1906, in Madras, India. The happy couple will go at once to their home and work at Impur, Naga Hills, Assam. We wish them much joy.

Miss Miller left yesterday for Gauhati, where she will visit Mrs. Tuttle. She is afraid she cannot pull through another hot season in Nowgong. If they want her, in her poor health, she will go to Impur, Naga Hills, to work in the school. She has done well in her study of Assamese, and would do good Mission work if she could have good health.

March 21.—Mr. Moore is spending one week at Udmari, and helping the Christians there to get the *new* chapel building started.

We have just heard of the marriage of Miss Henrietta

Morgan in Bessemer, Alabama. On the 8th March she became Mrs. Gwylym Herbert. So there is no hope of her returning to Assam.

April 6.—Yesterday was an eventful day in Nowgong. At 9-30 A.M. the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Fuller arrived. At 11-30 A.M. Sir Bampfylde Fuller opened the new public library. Then a big lunch at the Deputy Commissioner's bungalow.

At 3 P.M. all repaired to Dr. McNaught's bungalow to witness the wedding of William R. R. Alexander and Miss Agnes McNaught. Rev. S. Endle came from Tezpur to perform the ceremony, and several Tea Planters and their wives were in from the district. The bride looked pale, but very pretty in her white satin gown and veil. After the ceremony and congratulations, refreshments were served. Then Agnes changed her satin for a pink-and-white muslin dress, and the happy couple started off amid a shower of rice. They drove ten miles to their tea-garden home at Sukinbari.

The Lieut.-Governor and Lady Fuller left to-day for Shillong.

April 17.—I was away from home last week from Tuesday until Saturday. From Kampur I took the train at 2 P.M. At 5 P.M. I had to change cars at Lumding Junction. Then a run of seven hours to Kumberbanda Ali, then a drive of six miles to the home of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Swanson, at Golaghat. Mrs. Swanson seemed so pleased to see me. I was there from Wednesday morning until Thursday noon. Mr. Swanson took me for a drive, to show me the beauties of Golaghat station. It is a rambling sort of place which covers a good deal of ground, and still shows some traces of the work of the old Assam kings. The weekly prayer-meeting

on the Mission compound was good, as the schoolboys took part finely. Three boys will go from there to read in the Bible School at Jorhat. Mr. Swanson is a very enthusiastic worker. He showed me his big Gospel wagon, a present from his Swedish friends in America. The Swansons have a pleasant home, but miss their two little boys whom they left in America to be educated.

Thursday noon Mr. Swanson drove me six miles to the Kamberbanda Ali R. R. Station; from there I took the train to the next station, Titabar, and then the train to Jorhat to visit Mrs. Boggs. The little train stopped for me near the new Mission compound, and Mr. Boggs and a servant with a lantern came out to meet me. The new bungalow is fine, and all seemed so well and happy. Little Horace Boggs sang sweetly for me: "A little sunbeam." The new little chapel is nearly finished, also Henry's house and the boys' lines. Some boys are expected this week, and then the Bible School work will begin.

I left Jorhat at 4 P.M. on Friday, and returned to Kampur *via* Lumding Junction. I reached Kampur at 5 A.M. Saturday, and found our cook and a covered bullock-cart waiting for me.

About 7 A.M. Miss Miller arrived by cart. She is transferred to Impur, Naga Hills, to see if she can get well and work in the cooler climate. She can use her Assamese in the school work in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Dowd. We hope Miss Miller will have a good journey, first by train, and then up the Naga Hills. She has a servant with her.

At 10 A.M. Saturday I left Kampur in the covered bullock-cart, and was at home by 6 P.M. My outing of five days was enjoyed, and did me good. I reached home

just in time for Pitt to go out to Udmari to hold Sunday services with the Munda Christians. Bapuram tried to preach an Easter sermon, and Miss Long had taught her girls an Easter hymn which they sang sweetly with the organ accompaniment.

May 9.—We hear Miss Miller reached Impur safely on the 20th April. We hope the cooler climate will help her. Pitt gave such a good talk in our prayer-meeting that I simply forgot it was Assamese, and enjoyed every word. His talk was a partial translation of a little book which came to us as a present from U.S.A. The title is, "How Gangaram became acquainted with God." It was written by Rev. R. A. Hume, a missionary in Southern India. The missionary first asks Gangaram his name, and then what work he does, etc.

Then the missionary tells how his own work is to make people acquainted with God. We can know the Father by reading his letters (in the Bible), by knowing Jesus Christ (whom He sent), by prayer and by fellowship. We can know God by what He does. When we have a good thought, that comes from God. Then the missionary, Rev. Hume, taught Gangaram to pray.

Many natives like us to introduce religious conversation.

May 17.—We have just heard of the arrival of little Paul Lorimer Swanson to gladden the hearts of his parents in Golaghat, Assam. Paul was born on the 14th May.

May 23.—Pitt has had four days in camp. He went to Lengteng to conduct Sunday services, and on his way back he called at Udmari. While gone he baptized three persons and married two couples. This trip he did

in our spring bullock-cart, as it is too rainy, muddy, and hot for him to ride his bicycle now.

May 30.—Clara's final examinations will begin to-day, and will be finished by the 8th June. Commencement Day will be June 13th. Then she will study for New York State Regent's Examination which will be held the latter part of June.

June 1.—Pitt baptized ten persons at Kothiatoli last Sunday.

June 14.—We hear Mrs. A. K. Gurney is starting for America. Mr. Gurney will remain one year longer in Assam.

June 17.—Last evening we received word from Sadiya, Assam, that Mr. and Mrs. Jackman have a little son, Kenneth Ransom Jackman, born June 14th.

Our day in the "Prayer Calendar" is August 22nd, and below our names are these words: "The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in."

June 20.—After thinking and praying over it for a long time, it seems best for me to have a little change and rest. To go to Darjeeling, and board and get my dentistry done would cost a good deal, so I will take six months' leave and go to America and visit my mother and others, and be present at Clara's wedding on the 2nd Oct. I shall be so glad to see Clara and Roland.

June 22.—I have packed my three small steel trunks and bag. It makes the tears come to think of leaving Pitt for six months.

June 23.—I am leaving by bullock-cart this evening for Kampur Railway Station.

June 25.—Yesterday I reached Gauhati about noon, and went at once to the river steamer.

June 26.—I left the steamer at Goalundo at 9 P.M., just in time for the train.

June 27.—At 6 A.M. I was in Calcutta. I never made the journey from Nowgong to Calcutta so quickly before. I have a pleasant room at Mrs. Schaumberg's boarding house, No. 5, Humayun Place. The electric fans, ice, etc., help to make Calcutta heat endurable. I expect to sail by the British India Steamer "Golconda" on the 28th inst. Our Agent, Mr. Sykes, is getting my ticket, and making all arrangements for me.

June 29.—The "Golconda" sailed at noon yesterday. Mr. Sykes saw me aboard the steam launch, which took passengers to the steamer "Golconda."

July 3.—We are stopping at Madras until afternoon. There are now 20 passengers in the first class. Some new ones came on at Madras. This is a fine steamer, so comfortable and roomy. I have a whole cabin. We usually get a breeze, and don't suffer much from the heat.

July 4.—Cool and pleasant to-day.

July 6.—I went on shore at Colombo and had a walk and drive, and visited some English shops. It was cloudy and not too hot even in the row boat which took us from the ship to the shore.

July 8.—The twenty-seventh anniversary of our wedding. Such short and happy years! How much we have for which to be thankful. Our Father is so good and kind to us! We praise Him.

July 9.—The weather is a bit squally, but not really rough. The rain made the deck wet and uncomfortable.

July 14.—Saturday. We are due at Aden to-morrow noon. We had plenty of Monsoon wind for four days,

but nothing serious. This is a big, steady ship, but can roll some in Monsoon wind and waves. Her funnels were white from the salt spray. Captain Cave is very pleasant and "always doing something for the comfort of his passengers. Of the six ladies among the first-class passengers three were sick. I am thankful to say I have kept well.

We are now in the Gulf of Aden, and can expect fine weather for the remainder of the voyage. All seem well and happy to-day. There are 50 passengers in the second class.

July 15.—We have stopped at Aden and are coaling.

July 17.—We are now in the Red Sea. The sea is smooth, but we get a slight head wind which keeps us from being too hot.

July 18.—Among the second-class passengers, a little child about four years old died to-day. At noon the ship stopped and the little coffin was lowered and sunk in the waves. The mother sadly feels the loss although she has five children left. Capt. Cave read the funeral service and the British flag was placed on the coffin.

July 19.—We have passed some rocky islands, and seen several ships in the Red Sea. To-morrow we are due at Suez, then the hot Canal and Port Said. Our longest run so far is 301 miles.

July 21.—We are coaling at Port Said and it is noisy and dusty. I have just received a good letter from Pitt. Am so glad to have it and the Nowgong news.

Lady Curzon's death is reported by telegram from London.

July 22.—A lovely Sunday in the Mediterranean Sea,

with a beautiful sunset. I am reading a good book on the Welsh Revival.

July 24.—Tuesday P.M. At noon to-day we passed through the Straits of Messina, and had pretty views of the green hills of Italy and Sicily. The Straits at the narrowest point is only one-and-a-half miles broad, with lighthouses near the points. Reggio and other towns are on the Italian side. The town of Messina is on the Sicily side. The houses seem to be of grey brick and have no chimneys. We saw hills terraced as if covered with vineyards, and also noticed dry river beds.

Our longest run now is 314 miles.

July 24.—At 4 P.M. we passed within five miles of Stromboli, and saw a big cloud of smoke rising from the top of the volcano.

July 25.—We passed Elba Island where Napoleon was confined for a few months before he was sent to St. Helena. The island is perhaps 12 miles long.

July 27.—Yesterday we reached Genoa, Italy, at 6 A.M. I went on shore after breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Lefroy. The houses in Genoa are scattered on side hills, except near the water where they are thick. We walked the streets and looked at the merry rosy-cheeked Italians. They seem to live out-of-doors. We climbed a hill to a beautiful Park, and had fine views of the whole town and harbour. We rested on the benches in the Park, and must have spent a couple of hours there. In one place there was a pretty waterfall, and lower down a fine statue. The monuments in the cemetery are very fine. Genoa, of course, has a fine statue of Christopher Columbus. We looked in the shop windows at the

pretty filigree work, etc. We saw little gardens on the roofs of some houses.

Then we went to a hotel and had a good lunch of macaroni, fresh veal, delicious fresh butter and rolls, and fruit and coffee. We enjoyed the peaches, pears and figs.

After lunch we went to Cook's office to get a gold coin changed. Then we descended to the water and back to the ship at 3 P.M. All enjoyed the five hours spent on shore.

Our ship started at 6 P.M., and to-day at 10 A.M. we reached Marseilles. As we are close up to the wharf I went on shore for a walk.

July 29.—Sunday. I have been reading to-day and am happy in mind although it has been noisy on deck. I am sorry our Captain did not have service.

July 30.—We saw a bit of the coast of Spain yesterday, and passed Gibraltar in the night.

July 31.—Only the Atlantic now between me and New York. The sun shines bright, but the wind is so cold I am glad to sit in the music room.

August 2.—Plymouth is reached, and some passengers are leaving the ship.

August 3.—Friday. We reached the Albert Docks at 1 P.M. Mr. Bride, our Agent, sent his Assistant to meet me, and he brought good letters from Pitt and Clara. I am so thankful to hear Clara passed all her examinations and is now Clara E. Moore, M.D.

After getting my luggage through the Customs, we took the special train up to London. Then a cab to Mr. Bride's office, and later by cab to the boarding-house, 151, Highbury New Park, London, N. Mrs. Angus is still managing the house.

August 5.—Sunday. I went to church twice to-day. In the evening I heard Rev. Hugh Johnston, of Baltimore, Maryland. An excellent sermon on: "This is life eternal," etc.

August 7.—I have enjoyed a good rest here, and will be glad to sail to-morrow by S.S. "Teutonic" of the White Star Line, from Liverpool. A special train from London will connect with the steamer. I go second class, but think I have a berth in a good outside cabin near the deck and dining-room. This is lovely, bright weather for London. The city is not crowded in August.

I hear Mrs. A. K. Gurney is on her way home, and may reach here to-day. Mrs. Gurney came at 6 P.M. and is in good spirits. She will have to wait in London for ten days, as all the steamers to New York are so crowded that it is difficult to get a berth.

August 8.—Wednesday. I have spent a pleasant four days in London. Mr. Bride saw me on my train at noon. Went on the steamer "Teutonic" at 4 P.M. in Liverpool. This steamer is only 10,000 tons, and there is a good deal of vibration when we run 400 miles per day. There are 1,000 passengers on board, including steerage. Of the 200 passengers in the second class, many are seasick. We seem to meet a good many currents, and there was a little storm in the night. I had to leave the tea-table rather suddenly.

August 12.—Sunday. To-day it is finer. There was Divine Service at 10 A.M. We have some pleasant passengers. Among them Dr. Kirby, who has been a missionary in Africa for three years. Dr. Kirby has been asked by our Society to go to Sadiya, Assam. He has been asking me about Mission work in Assam, and what

outfit he will need, etc. He expects to be married soon. At a little song service this evening he gave some of his experiences in Africa.

August 13.—Some fog and head wind to-day. Most of the sick ones are recovering and getting up on deck. We hope to land in New York on Wednesday evening.

August 15.—We landed in New York at 7 P.M. Some fellow-passengers, Mrs. Reilly and Miss Snyder, helped me to get to the New York Central Depôt. Then after a lunch we three ladies took the train. Miss Snyder was with me all the way to Albany.

August 16.—I reached Albany at 4 A.M. and took the electric car for Bro. Alvah's home. I found all well and happy, and after breakfast Alvah took me to a dentist for some necessary work. In the evening I came by electric car to Averill Park, and was with my dear mother by 6 P.M. I am delighted to find mother just as well and cheerful as she was five years ago. All here are very pleased to see me, and say I look well. I long to see Clara, and she will come next week.

August 20.—I had a happy surprise to-day. Clara came at 5 P.M. as expected, and with her came her Roland C. Harris.

August 21.—Clara seems well, but looks thin for her. I am glad she has her M.D., and will quit studying so hard. Roland and Clara seem perfectly happy in their mutual love. I like Roland very much : he seems very sensible and amiable.

August 23.—Roland left to-day. Clara will be with me most of the time until Oct. 2nd, the date fixed for her wedding.

September 5.—Clara has gone to Rochester and

Ontario for a few days. She will return on Friday, and have a dressmaker next week.

September 12.—Mother and I visited at my brother's and sister's homes in Albany. While at Alvah's home we had a short visit from Miss Edith G. Traver, of Spokane, Washington. Edith has studied for two years in the Missionary Training School in Chicago, and will soon go as a missionary to Swatow, China. She seems a good, sensible girl of 25 years, and well and strong. She will sail with a party from San Francisco on the 5th October.

September 25.—This has been a busy week for Clara, sewing. I received a good letter from Pitt last evening, and he wrote of much rain in Nowgong in August.

October 2.—Roland C. Harris, M.D., and Clara E. Moore, M.D., were married at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, 1906, in our old home, where Clara's grandma was married 52 years ago. Roland and Clara were married by Rev. Rufus M. Traver.

October 3.—This wedding occasion was made a kind of family Reunion, when our dear mother had her six children about her once more. We had a photographer come and take a wedding group, and also a family group. Roland's parents and sister Grace attended the wedding. It was a lovely home wedding. Clara was dressed in white, and looked very pretty and happy. Her Uncle Orson W. Moore came from New York City, and sang beautifully a wedding song. Just after the song was the wedding ceremony. Bro. Rufus made the ceremony very beautiful and impressive, and just long enough. After the ceremony was over there were congratulations, and then we partook of the good dinner furnished by Bro.

Charlie and wife.* All enjoyed the pressed chicken, salmon, potato salad, olives, celery, rolls and butter, tea, coffee, five kinds of cake, and ice-cream. After dinner the photos were taken and then Clara changed her dress. She started off in a navy blue suit and hat to match.

Roland and Clara went at once to their new home, 299, Monroe Avenue, Rochester, New York, where Roland will begin the practice of medicine. Clara's mother Harris is a lovely woman. Clara received useful and pretty presents. Grandma gave her a \$20 gold piece to buy a sewing machine. Uncle Penn Moore and wife sent Clara \$25. Her uncles gave either money or silver spoons. Roland's parents gave \$500, and a set of crockery. Roland's mother stocked the new home with eatables, bedding, etc. Roland is somewhat of a carpenter and has made a fine Morris chair and hat-rack for the new home.

We all feel so pleased and satisfied over the wedding.

October 20.—Mother and I have been to Upton, Mass., to visit Bro. Ed. and family. We had a lovely visit. I now feel acquainted with Dora and Ruth, and like them very much.

October 26.—I said good-bye to mother, Bro. Charlie and Ada to-day. Parting gives pain, but I want to go back to Pitt, and our home and work in Assam. Mother was brave, although she realised she may not live to see me again.

October 27.—I took the train from Albany at 11 A.M., and was in Clara's home in Rochester, N.Y., by 4 P.M. Roland met me at the depôt. Roland and Clara have a lovely home, and seem perfectly well and happy. They

have a fine brick house on a corner, 299, Monroe Avenue. It was built for a doctor's home, and there are front and back offices, gas, water and everything very convenient.

October 28.—Sunday. We listened to a sermon by a missionary from China. Also heard Mr. Whyte sing beautifully: "No night in heaven." I have greatly enjoyed my visit with our children in their home. May God bless and keep them and make them useful in His vineyard.

October 29.—Clara and I went out to Ontario, 18 miles, by electric car, and spent the day with Roland's mother and sister Grace. I do not wonder that Clara loves her mother Harris; she is very interesting and lovely. I find Roland asks the blessing at table in almost the same words as his dear mother.

October 30.—A nice quiet day with Roland and Clara. They do so enjoy their home.

October 31.—I started for New York City at 9 A.M. I said good-bye to Clara at the front door of her home. Roland went with me to the depôt. His last words to me were: "I will be just as good to Clara as I know how to be," and I replied: "I know it."

I left Clara's lovely home in a snow-storm. When we got up in the morning the ground was white with about three inches of snow. It was a lovely sight, as the trees were all covered with snow and sleet, and glistening in the sunlight.

At 6 P.M. Bro. Orson Moore met me at the New York Central Depôt, and took me to his pleasant apartments.

November 1.—Thursday. This morning I bought my steamer ticket, second class, for \$50. I am to go on

the steamer "Celtic," of the White Star Line, this evening, and sail early to-morrow morning. Bro. Orson and I have had a good visit together, and we feel better acquainted now. At 7 P.M. Orson saw me on board the steamer.

November 2.—My berth is in a good outside cabin, which I have all to myself. There are only about 500 passengers on board. Weather fine to-day, and I hope I can get across the big Atlantic before really cold weather begins. In New York City I received a good letter from Pitt, which mother forwarded.

November 4.—Sunday. There was a pleasant service in the dining-room, conducted by the Second Officer.

November 7.—I am keeping well and enjoy a walk on deck, but usually sit in the warm library. There was enough sea on yesterday to make this big ship roll a bit.

November 8.—This is a lovely day. We hope to reach Queenstown to-morrow, and Liverpool on Saturday.

November 10.—I reached London safe and well. God does answer prayer every time. I came by the special train from Liverpool, and reached here in the night. A cab brought me from the station to the boarding place.

November 11.—Sunday. My forty-ninth birthday. A lovely bright day for London, and I am happy. I listened to a good sermon from Nehemiah viii. 10: "The joy of the Lord is thy strength."

November 12.—I saw our Agents, Messrs. Bride and Eastland, 29 to 35 City Road. I am to sail for Calcutta on the 24th Nov. by the B. I. Steamer "Dilwara," and hope to reach Calcutta before New Year's.

November 13.—Mr. Bride's son acted as guide, and took me to Westminster Abbey, and the National Gallery

of Art—two most interesting places. I visited Bunhill Fields Cemetery, where are the graves of John Bunyan and Isaac Watts. Also saw the monument to Daniel Defoe, erected by money given by children.

November 14.—I have a good and comfortable place at the Foreign Missions Club, 151, Highbury New Park. I am well, and so happy to be on my way back to my husband, and our home and work in Assam.

November 16.—Thursday. I went to Mr. Bride's office, and had the nice little guide take me to South Kensington Museum. I saw a wonderful display there of Indian Art. The brassware, the carved ivory, and embroideries were fine. Even some brass dishes from Assam. We also went into the Egyptian, China and Japan rooms. I had a long ride on the top of an omnibus and saw Hyde Park, and Buckingham Palace in the distance.

November 19.—Yesterday I found a Baptist Church near my boarding place, and heard a good sermon from the text: "Take my yoke upon you." I stayed to the Communion Service.

November 20.—A frost last night, and now it is colder.

November 24.—I went on board the British India Steamer "Dilwara" at 2 P.M. Mr. Bride kindly sent Mr. Collins to see me off. My luggage was sent two days before the sailing time.

My stay in London was pleasant and restful, but I am glad to be off for Assam.

November 25.—Sunday. We are getting through the English Channel nicely, with very little fog.

November 26.—We are now in the Bay of Biscay. Some Atlantic waves make the ship roll, and some

ladies are seasick. My one cabin mate, Miss Gasper, is among the sick ones. I am glad to say we have an unusually good Doctor and Stewardess on this ship.

November 30.—A lovely day, and all are well and happy. We passed Cape St. Vincent on the 28th inst. about sunset, and saw the lighthouse. A beautiful sunset at sea is a delight ; the sky seems so near by.

Yesterday at 8 A.M. we passed Gibraltar ; the great rock stands out as defiantly as ever. The Mediterranean is lovely, with a nice cool breeze blowing.

December 1.—Among the passengers are Rev. R. Robertson and Miss Mahlendorf, of the L.M.S. Mission for Madras. Miss Mahlendorf goes out to marry Rev. R. Porter. Of the Scotch Mission for Calcutta—Miss Lily Mungle, Miss Gasper, and the Taylor sisters. A Miss C. E. Parsons goes to Mysore City. A good concert was held in the dining-room this evening. Miss Parsons is a fine accompanist on the piano. There are some rather good singers for shipboard, especially one little girl.

December 4.—This is dear Pitt's fifty-third birthday. Wish I could be with him.

December 6.—We reached Port Said early this morning.

December 9.—Sunday. A good service at 11 A.M. conducted by Rev. R. Robertson. The hymns on deck sound well.

December 12.—We reached Aden comfortably this morning ; even the Canal and Red Sea were not hot at this season of the year. We have only 36 passengers in the first class, the second class is more crowded.

December 16.—We are having an unusual experience since leaving Aden. There has been a slight epidemic of sore throat, or Tonsilitis, or it may have been a kind

of Influenza. Anyhow the Captain, First Officer and half the passengers had it. Hope we shall all get well before we reach Colombo, and not get quarantined.

December 20.—We reached Colombo safely at 4 P.M. I did enjoy a little walk on shore in the cool of the evening. I was delighted to receive good letters from Pitt, and home letters he forwarded.

December 23.—Sunday. We reached Madras last evening, but too late to enter the harbour, and so had a quiet night. It is noisy here to-day unloading cargo. Some of our best passengers are leaving the ship here.

December 25.—Tuesday. *Merry Christmas.* Merry to me because we are nearing Calcutta, and then Assam.

Captain McFadyn invited the second-class passengers to dine with the first class to-day, and nearly all came and enjoyed a good dinner, and afterwards some music. Mr. Banes, as usual, had an original song for the occasion.

December 27.—Our good ship "Dilwara" reached Calcutta at 2 P.M. As the ship could not get her berth at the jetties, a steam launch took the passengers and their luggage to Prinsep's Ghat. Our new Agents, Messrs. Grindlay and Company, sent a Babu Clerk to meet me. Best of all I received a good letter from Pitt, which was dated Dec. 22nd, giving me a hearty welcome home, and saying he will meet me in Gauhati, Assam.

I soon had my luggage through the Customs, and on a gharry, and found a room at 4, Humayun Place. Calcutta is very full of Christmas visitors.

I was glad to find Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Kirby at 5, Humayun Place. Rev. and Mrs. Dickson, and infant Frances Elizabeth (born Nov. 16th) are in Calcutta, and

also Mrs. Dring. Mrs. Walter C. Mason is expected soon. I hear Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Longwell have already reached Impur, and Miss Linnie Holbrook is with Miss Bond in Tura, Assam.

December 29.—Yesterday was a busy day. I saw the Dentist and Oculist, and did a little shopping. I took the train from Sealdah Station at 7-30 P.M. for Goalundo, and was on my steamer by 6 A.M. to-day. I hope to reach Gauhati on New Year's.

December 30.—A restful, happy Sunday on this Brahmaputra river steamer. I have to-day read John 19 to 21st chapters. May God help me to be more faithful the coming year.

VIII.

THE REVIVAL IN NOWGONG, 1907.

January 1.—Our hearts are full of thanksgiving to God for all His mercies to us. I landed in Gauhati at 9 P.M. this evening, and went at once to the Mission compound, where I found my husband nicely settled in our big Mission tent. How happy we are, and thankful to our Heavenly Father for all the way He has led us!

January 4.—The Reference Committee is hard at work this week. I am busying myself in the tent by copying Pitt's report of the Nowgong work during the past two years. This, and other reports, will be printed with the "minutes" of the Ninth Session of our Conference.

January 5.—The expected missionaries, 25 in number, have now all arrived and we proceeded to organize this evening. Rev. W. C. Mason was chosen Chairman, and Miss Ella C. Bond, Clerk.

January 6.—Sunday. The early devotional meeting was opened by Mrs. Kirby. At 10 A.M. Mr. Petrick preached an excellent sermon from the text: "He must needs go through Samaria," John iv. 4. In the afternoon there was an Assamese service and bazaar preaching. In the evening we listened to Revival news, especially from Nowgong. Mrs. Carvell wrote a long letter about the work of the Holy Spirit in Nowgong during the past two months.

Monday we listened to reports of the Reference Committee, the reading of the Budget of Appropriations for the next year, and an excellent letter from Dr. Barbour.

Let me say just here that each session of the Conference began with a devotional hour. I never knew such a spirit of prayer in our midst. The Holy Spirit was with us.

Tuesday our Conference By-Laws were considered, and some changes made. Various other business matters were brought before the Conference.

Wednesday and *Thursday* the Historical reports of the Individual fields in Assam were read and discussed. Also the new Reference Committee was appointed, *viz.* Messrs. Phillips, Swanson and Moore.

Friday bungalow type plans were adopted, one for the hills and one for the plains. Then came a good paper on "Educational Work in Assam," by Rev. W. F. Dowd.

Saturday the needs of Assam were considered, and we decided to ask for fifteen new men, and eight single ladies. Then were read papers on "Women's Work for Women," by Miss Bond and Miss Wilson. Then some closing business and adjournment.

January 13.—Sunday was a full and blessed day. The 8 A.M. prayer-meeting was conducted by Dr. Kirby. Many of our number prayed from full hearts to be purified, and filled with the Holy Spirit. At 10 A.M. Mr. Jackman preached from II Cor. v. 20. His theme was: "Jesus is King." We are His ambassadors, sent to proclaim the victory. In the afternoon Mr. Petrick preached in Hindi. In the evening Mrs. W. C. Mason led the meeting. Many took part in prayer and praise, and several spoke of the refreshment and strength received during the past week. All pleaded for a Revival throughout Assam. We return to our fields stronger to work for Jesus our King.

I must not omit to mention the social intercourse which fills up the intervals between the meetings. One

evening we enjoyed a little entertainment, when the eight children were pleased to sing and recite for us.

January 14.—Our Conference is over. Some of our missionaries are leaving to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman have Dr. and Mrs. Kirby now for their associates at Sadiya. All have enjoyed Mrs. Kirby's sweet, consecrated singing during Conference.

Pitt has been telling me of the trip he and Mr. Boggs made to Kohima, Naga Hills, in November. They wanted to see the work and the Mission buildings at Kohima, and on the way down the hills they called at Impur, Naga Hills.

January 16.—We left Gauhati by train at 10 A.M. and reached Chapar Mukh by 2 P.M. From there Pitt did the sixteen miles by bicycle. I went in our spring bullock-cart, and reached home at 11 P.M., and very glad to be here.

It is just twenty-seven years to day since we first saw Nowgong.

January 20.—Sunday. The Holy Spirit is doing a wonderful work in Nowgong. Since Dec. 2nd, the day of prayer for all India, there has been unusual interest. The blessing came first to the Boarding School. Miss Long has been at work teaching her girls the Bible, and how to pray. Several of the younger girls have recently had bright visions of their Saviour. Mary, an older girl, has been especially blessed. The meetings at the chapel now go on for hours without any human leader; sometimes all are praying aloud at once, and such a wave of sound is heard that it is hard to describe it. At other times one person leads in prayer, and all repeat the last

two or three words in each sentence, and the "Amens." We think it is something like the day of Pentecost.

When one confesses sin, all pray for him aloud, each unmindful of the others' prayers. Mary was in a trance for 18 hours, and saw and heard wonderful things. She seemed to cover her eyes at times as if the glory were too much for her. She afterwards spoke some plain words to the church members, which were listened to and obeyed. The girls continue to sing and pray with power. The older Christians have been aroused, and there have been a few conversions. Mophruz, Miss Long's Musulman cook, has been prayed into the Kingdom, as he expresses it. May God continue and perfect His mighty work here and elsewhere. May we all be willing instruments in His hands.

THE REVIVAL IN NOWGONG, ASSAM.

I am sure Miss Long's brief account of a wonderful experience will be read with interest, so I copy it.

" 'God has heard prayers and has come to His work in Nowgong. He has fulfilled His word in our midst, and has proved Himself a prayer-answering God. He has wrought marvellous things, and His holy name has brought salvation.'

" Thus writes Miss Anna Long to the *Society* of the West, and gives at length an account of the Revival at Nowgong, Assam. The facts are as follows: Early in 1905, a few Christians began to pray for the outpouring of the Spirit upon their work. In May a circular letter was sent to all the stations in Assam, asking that special meetings for prayer be held, and special prayers be made for the work in Assam. From June until October, meetings were held every night. These meetings were small, not more than ten or twenty people present, but they

were characterized by intense prayers for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. During all this time, however, the majority of the Christians remained aloof and untouched. The boarding-school girls also organized prayer circles, and spent much time in studying the Word. Still no deep awakening by the Spirit was manifest.

"The year 1906 dawned, and found the church restless and indifferent to spiritual things. Matters went from bad to worse. The boarding school likewise passed through many trying experiences. Much sickness depleted the prayer circles. Heathen girls, coming in, tried the patience of all. Humitra, a beloved worker, would go to Miss Long and say: 'I cannot stand it any longer. Satan is in our midst.'

"For a time even the prospect of better things seemed slipping away. The climax was reached when one of the heathen girls ran away after being punished for an act of disobedience. This was in November. It sent the whole school to its knees in prayer. The faithful few who had held on came even closer to God. One of the girls, Mary, a primary teacher, one evening in prayer seemed to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. All felt that something had happened, for the disobedient were penitent and the Spirit of Christ seemed to pervade the school. At night all entered one of the classrooms in the bungalow, and a meeting from two to three hours long was held. Here the Spirit was again manifest in the hearts of the girls, for all were contrite and invigorated with a new knowledge of the Holy Spirit. Mary's prayer was unlike the others in that it was a prayer of peace and thanksgiving. She seemed to literally talk with God. The school, as a whole, did not realize what had happened until Dec. 2nd, the day of special prayer for India. There had been much prayer for the meeting, and God did not disappoint the faithful. One little girl began to pray for forgiveness, and simultaneously the whole congregation went down on its knees. All forgot themselves and prayed as though talking to God alone for forgiveness. 'Forgive' was the burden of each prayer. These souls

had never been so stirred before. The depth of the experience to all cannot be described. After that they sang many songs, among them the one so loved in the Welsh Revival, which begins, 'Here is love vast as an ocean.'

"After this meeting eight of the girls testified that they had found Christ. Sunday and Monday many prayers were offered, and later more of the boarding-school girls testified to their acceptance of Jesus as their Saviour. At the young people's meeting on Tuesday the same spirit prevailed, and many more found the Master. The interest spread to the church and congregation, and those present repented, confessed their sins and many came forward for baptism. A native doctor, a relative of Lucas the evangelist, was moved by all that he saw and heard until he, too, asked to unite with the church. Many instances of remarkable conversion and the return of backsliders marked the Revival. Showers of blessings seemed to fall upon the whole community. In the surrounding districts people are beginning to pray. The awakening is spreading."

A favourite hymn with the girls these days is :—

COME TO JESUS.

যীশুনৈ আহা ।

- ১ যীশুনৈহে, যীশুনৈহে, Jisuloiha, Jisuloihe,
যীশুনৈহে আহা ; Jisuloihe aha ;
এতিয়াই যীশুনৈহে, Etiyai Jisuloihe,
যীশুনৈহে আহা । Jisuloihe aha.

২ উদ্ধারিব, ২

উদ্ধারিব এতিয়াই ;

ঈশে উদ্ধারিব,

উদ্ধারিব এতিয়াই ।

- ৩ শক্তি আছে, ২
শক্তি আছে এতিয়াই ;
রীশুর শক্তি আছে,
শক্তি আছে এতিয়াই ।
- ৪ সন্নত আছে, ২
সন্নত আছে এতিয়াই ;
রীশুর সন্নত আছে,
সন্নত আছে এতিয়াই ।
- ৫ তেওঁ বাট চাইছে, ২
তেওঁ বাট চাইছে এতিয়াই ;
এতিয়াই তেওঁ বাট চাইছে,
তেওঁ বাট চাইছে এতিয়াই ।
- ৬ যাক্ষা করা, ২
যাক্ষা করা এতিয়াই ;
এতিয়াই যাক্ষা করা,
যাক্ষা করা এতিয়াই ।
- ৭ তেওঁ শুনিব, ২
তেওঁ শুনিব এতিয়াই ;
এতিয়াই তেওঁ শুনিব,
তেওঁ শুনিব এতিয়াই ।
- ৮ শুদ্ধ করিব, ২
শুদ্ধ করিব এতিয়াই ;
ঐষ্টে শুদ্ধ করিব,
শুদ্ধ করিব এতিয়াই ।
- ৯ বিশ্বাস করা, ২
বিশ্বাস করা এতিয়াই ;
ঐষ্টক বিশ্বাস করা,
বিশ্বাস করা এতিয়াই ।

Mr. Moore, in describing the Revival, says :—

“ Our notice was called to the fact that Dec. 2nd was appointed as a day of special prayer for all India. By common consent we joined in the observance of the day ; and that day a blessing came to us. Personally I was not permitted to be present in that memorable afternoon service. I was spending the day with one of our village churches, administering the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. But our oldest Christians tell me they never before saw or felt anything like it. It clearly marked the beginning of the Revival in the minds of all. After Sunday School in the morning and the usual preaching service at 11 A.M., the prayer-meeting began at 2. P.M., and for an hour or so went on without any special demonstration. The prayer of a little girl of eight or nine years seems to have been the signal for loosing the flood gates.

“ The prayer was one of penitence : with deep and uncontrollable emotion the child pleaded for forgiveness. She seemed to pour out her heart to God. The effect on the listeners was contagious. As if by a common impulse the whole congregation kneeled and began to pray and weep aloud simultaneously. Strong, matter-of-fact men seemed held by an irresistible power. Some were prostrate and crying out in agony. This went on for an hour or so. Some began to sing ; and gradually prayer was superseded by praise. Testimonies followed : and the meeting went on until after 8 P.M., and closed in a mood of great joy and thanksgiving.

“ Meetings of similar power have been held repeatedly since, but no two of them alike. Human leadership has been conspicuously absent. Spontaneity is a marked characteristic. The Holy Spirit has manifested His power in ways and at times quite unforeseen and unexpected, and each manifestation seems to have intensified the desire for a deeper and more widespread work of grace.

“ It signifies much to me that the experiences of the past two years have added a new word to our religious

vocabulary at Nowgong. As we read of the Revival in Wales and the Khasia Hills and elsewhere, we feel the need of a vernacular word to express the idea of such a Revival. Not finding such a word in our vocabulary we have adopted the Sanscrit word that has come into the Bengali literature. But our people feel that only since Dec. 2nd 1906, have they really understood the true meaning of *Dharmadepona*.

"While I am writing thus of this Revival, I have a feeling that it would be more fittingly chronicled in connection with Miss Long's work than with mine. Certainly the Girls' Boarding School has thus far received the lion's share of the blessings, and if I were to write in detail of what we have seen and felt the past three weeks, the narrative would mostly cluster around the station school, and especially the boarding part of that school.

"Mingled emotions are contending in my heart. Joy and gratitude beyond expression are predominant. But a deep concern as to how we are to reap the greatest harvest from this blessed work, gives a sombre tone to all my thoughts about it.

"Oh for insight, guidance, wisdom and power to be diligent and faithful stewards of this manifold grace of God. We stand at a crucial point in our history. Our destiny is to be determined by our use or misuse of the opportunity. Not to improve on the past will now be fatal. God holds out to us a golden prize. He has large plans for blessing, if only we can rise to the occasion. I look into a bright vista; but dark possibilities lurk in the outskirts of the picture."

January 27.—This has been a week of meetings. Several have confessed sin, and found forgiveness and peace. May the church here be a truly bright and shining light, is our prayer. Pitt's text to-day was: "Follow me," Mark x. 21. Some of the village Christians are in, and being greatly blessed while Pitt is giving them some Bible lessons.

January 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Carvell and their little Douglas leave us to-day. They will sail from Calcutta on the B. I. Steamer "Golconda" on the 7th Feb. Mrs. Paul and three children will sail at the same time. Mrs. Paul will have her hands full with three children; the youngest, George Vincent Paul, was born Nov. 16th, 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowd also have a new little son, Benard Jefferson Dowd, born Dec. 18th, 1906.

Miss Ella G. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle and their little Lucile will soon go home *via* Bombay. Dr. Crozier will go at once *via* the Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen are transferred to Gauhati.

February 1.—I wish Clara, Roland, mother and others could be in some of our evening meetings. Last evening, after the opening hymn, Humitra (matron in Girls' Boarding School) knelt and began to pray; directly all were praying aloud, each unmindful of the others, and such intense prayers for an hour. Humitra prayed her Father to bless each heart, to make each heart so pure that God's Holy Spirit could dwell there. Then she prayed: "Come, Holy Spirit, into each heart." There was a jubilant note in the meeting last night. Toward the close Humitra arose and said: "The blessing has come, now each of you pray *come, Holy Spirit, into my heart*, and keep on praying when at your work and all the time." Then they sang hymn after hymn. Even the little girls sing and pray so earnestly. Mary and Heron often stand up and gesticulate with their hands while they plead with God for this church. Surely the light will be brighter from now on.

February 4.—The Sunday evening meeting lasted from 3 P.M. until 7 P.M. First several hymns, and then all

prayed simultaneously for an hour or more. God seemed very near to us. I never felt Him so near as in that meeting. During the praying time a hymn was softly sung, but still the praying went on, sometimes very intense, and then more quiet. Finally Pitt closed with prayer, mentioning the name of each village preacher, *viz.*, Dyal, Simon, Boka, and Lomboram, and pleading for a special blessing on them and their wives. They have testified to being helped, and we believe they will return to their villages stronger to work for Jesus.

We pray and work for those about us who do not know Jesus. The children appeal to me.

February 10.—Pitt has preached the last two Sundays, and tried to show the Christians that they must show, by their daily walk, that the Revival is real. We long to see the heathen brought to Christ.

In the evening meeting when singing, the girls stood up and kept time by clapping their hands.

Here is a little lesson in love which I want to pass on. Mr. Moore wrote it about *Pritikari*, a little girl in our boarding school:—

"She was only one of several poor friendless orphan girls who was received into the Mission boarding school because she had no one to care for her. There was nothing specially striking or attractive about her to distinguish her from a dozen others. But the name has a beautiful signification: 'Priti' means love, affection; 'Kari' means one who habitually does, or produces. So 'Pritikari' means one who habitually loves, or one who habitually produces or awakens love, a love-maker. I learned from her a little lesson in love.

"One day when Pritikari was about nine years old, she was taken very dangerously ill with cholera. Her eyes became sunken, her hands and feet cold, and her

breathing difficult, and we became very concerned for Pritikari. It became necessary for all of us to combine our efforts to battle with the dread disease, and try to save the little life. It fell to my lot to sit by her side some hours by day, and to watch with her at night, noting her symptoms, and trying to relieve her acute distress. Before I had hardly noticed her; now as I became partaker with her sufferings in this life and death struggle with disease, and tried to do something for her, I felt drawn to her in a marked degree. The tendrils of the love-vine seemed clinging round my heart and binding my heart to hers. The fountain of my affection was stirred, and I really loved the dear destitute child.

“Then I thought of the significance of her name, and how she had awakened love in my heart. I was led on from this to think of Jesus, and His love for us poor sinners; and I said if my human love was awakened to this poor child by my entering into fellowship with her suffering and trying to save her life, how greatly must Jesus love me, since He came from heaven to save me in the life and death struggle with that loathsome sin-sickness (whose wages is death), and gave His life on the cross for me. I knew that He came from heaven to save me because He loved me; while He was still in Heaven had He not loved me He would not have come to earth to save me. But having given His life to ransom me, how dear I have become to Him, by that very fact. Even if He had not loved me before, He would truly love me after He has suffered so much for me. This became a very precious and comforting thought to my heart.

“Then I went on thinking of this general law of love. As it is our human nature to hate those whom we have injured, so it is also part of our human nature to love those whom we have genuinely helped. If you doubt it, just make a practical test yourselves. Over in these dark heathen lands are millions who know nothing of the light and joy of the love of Jesus. Perhaps you have no interest in them. Just try the experiment of making some real sacrifice for them. Give up something for

them, in order to send them the story^o of Jesus and His love, and see if you don't begin to feel an interest in them, and love them.

"Try and think what your own condition would be without any of the love and joy that Jesus brought into the world, and how glad you would be if someone brought you the message of His dying love. Then make a real effort to send this glad message to those who know it not. You must really become partakers of their sufferings. Your effort must cost you some thought and real sacrifice of personal comfort. It will also include much prayer for the perishing ones. If you will do this, take my word for it, you also will learn the lesson in love that little Pritikari taught me, and will know its joy and help. As long as I live I shall have a different interest in her, by reason of those few hours of service and personal sacrifice for her. Already joy has more than counter-balanced the discomfort. Besides, God granted the additional blessing of making this another instance of answered prayer, in saving her life from that dread disease. It was indeed a beautiful lesson that Pritikari taught me."

February 15.—Our Annual Association begins to-day at Balijuri, and will last three days. At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, Miss Long took Humitra and nine of her girls to the Golaghat Association. They seemed to have been blessed, and also to have helped in the meetings. Several new little girls were sent back with them to enter our boarding school. They all returned just in time to go to Balijuri.

I am sure our own Association will be unusually good this year. Miss Long and her 40 girls, with their matron, have just started for Balijuri. Several Mikir boys came in from Tika to attend our Association.

February 20.—Pitt has returned home and reports a good Association although it was not all we hoped for.

The last night the meeting lasted until morning, and some of the cold hearts among the village Christians were aroused, and they, too, prayed for cleansing, and strength to witness for Christ. Miss Long, Mary, and a few girls and Bapuram will stay in camp for one month.

February 21.—News has just come of the death of our dear mother Moore. She passed suddenly to her great reward on Jan. 1st, 1907. She died of apoplexy in Huron, S. Dakota, U.S.A. She was born on the 6th June, 1828, and was therefore over 78 years old. Her mother, now 101 years old, and one sister, survive her. Her maiden name was Sophia H. Hubbel. When 23 years old she married Rev. Harvey E. Knapp, and together they went as missionaries to Arracan, Burma. After ten years of service there Mr. Knapp died.

Rev. Calvin C. Moore married her late in life, and she was again left a widow on Dec. 6th, 1882. After our father Moore's death she went to Huron, S. Dakota, and bought a little home for herself and settled there. She was a happy Christian, and we shall miss her good letters. She sent a Christmas book to Clara a few days before her death. I am thankful she did not have a long illness. She is now most happy with her Saviour in the home above.

March 1.—Our evening prayer-meetings are still very good. Miss Long and six girls, and Preachers Lapuram and Lucas are still at Balijuri. In the day-time they go to the near villages, and evenings hold meetings with the Christians.

Pitt is very busy building an iron house to store "Dhan" (rice) for the use of the boarding-school girls during the rainy season. It requires a good deal of rice

to feed 40 girls, and costs a good deal of money. The girls always pound out the rice (*i.e.*, clean the husk off), which saves something to the Mission. This work, and their weaving, and bringing of water and cooking, keep the girls very busy out of school hours.

March 8.—This is Clara's twenty-sixth birthday. I am sure she is very happy to-day in her new home with Roland.

March 14.—I never before heard such weeping and praying as in the meeting last Sunday. The Holy Spirit is still at work, but satan is causing a great warfare in some hearts. Christ is gaining the victory.

March 18.—We hear that little Miss Sarah Geraldine Longwell arrived at Impur, Naga Hills, on the 9th March. Congratulations for the happy parents.

March 29.—Last Sunday Pitt's text was Phil. iii. 12. We must lay hold of the prize, for which Christ has laid hold on us, or we will fail in our live work, *i.e.*, we must do the work Christ intended for us.

After the 3 P.M. prayer-meeting we all went to a spot near the market-place, and then Lucas Preacher spoke to the Musulmans who crowded about us. They accept a part of the Old Testament. They say Christ was a prophet, but they don't admit that Christ is divine. They don't want to admit that He is sinless. Our weekly prayer-meetings are now on Friday and Saturday evenings, as the school children are more free on those evenings.

Such a good Covenant meeting to-day! It seemed good to me to be in this meeting again with our native Christians.

March 31.—This has been a lovely Easter Sunday.

Pitt took three verses as his text : " Christ pleased not Himself," Romans xv. 3 ; " I do always those things that please Him," John viii. 29 ; and " To do Thy will, O God," Heb. x. 7, 9. Two women were restored to church fellowship. Some small girls and one boy asked for baptism, but it was decided they need further instruction. I enjoy an Assamese service just as well as an English service, especially when Pitt preaches as he has for the past month.

April 7.—I am alone to day, as Pitt went to Udmari to hold services with the Christians there. Bapuram preached here to-day. Pitt returned this evening and says he baptized 17 persons at Udmari, among them some promising young men.

The village work is growing. There are some things about this Revival that we don't understand, but we believe it is from the Lord, and praise Him for it. There is still much simultaneous prayer in our meetings.

I want to give a few statistics to give an idea of the extent of our Baptist Mission work in Assam.

The statistics for Assam, as given in the Annual Report for 1905 and 1906, are as follows :—

Churches	..	..	86
Church Members	..	..	8,456
Baptisms	..	..	965
Sunday Schools	..	..	112
S. S. Attendants	..	..	3,667
Native Helpers	..	..	270
Schools	..	..	118
Number of Pupils..	..	..	3,786

The Church Statistics for the Individual Fields are as follows :—

Fields.	Baptisms during 1906.	Membership at end of 1906.
Sibsagar	98	846
Nowgong	64	415
Gauhati	56	779
Tura	365	4,340
Goalpara	1	1
Ao Naga	191	674
Amgami Naga	13	35
Tangkhul Naga	2	16
North Lakhimpur	42	471
Dibrugarh	8	111
Golaghat	105	705
Jorhat	3	3
Sadiya	6	6
Tika	11	54
TOTALS ..	965	8,456

April 23.—Miss Long started for Calcutta last evening. She is taking Neruda (from our boarding school) down to Calcutta to learn Kindergarten work. Two other girls have gone to qualify for teachers. They may be able to graduate from the "Middle Vernacular Course" in one year. The three girls will be in the English Baptist Mission School, at present under Miss Dyson.

An Assamese widow has come to Nowgong from Golaghat, to study the Bible and learn to do Bible-women's work.

April 24.—There was a quiet little Garo wedding at our bungalow this morning. They came from the village, and the bride was too shy to go to the chapel.

April 29.—Mr. Gurney will soon retire from Mission work. He has served over 30 years in Assam, and we are sorry to have him go.

When Mr. Gurney leaves, our little Assamese monthly **জোতি** ("Light") will be edited by Rev. S. A. D. Boggs and Babu Henry Goldsmith at Jorhat.

May 6.—Pitt spent Sunday at Topotjuri, and married two couples. The brides were from our boarding school.

May 12.—Pitt was at Kothiatoli and baptized six persons, and married one couple.

May 13.—I went over to the opening exercises of school this morning. There are 60 pupils now, of whom only ten are small boys. The 40 girls in the boarding department help to swell the number in our school and our meetings.

May 16.—Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Phillips will sail to-day by B. I. Steamer "Rohilla." We are sorry to lose them from Assam. The Garo field can hardly afford to let them go now as they are short of workers. They are universally liked in our Mission, and after nearly 30 years in Assam they will be greatly missed. As Mr. Phillips has heart disease, it is doubtful if they can return. Mr. Walter Mason and Mr. Dring are very much crowded with work just now.

May 22.—We hear Mr. Gurney will be leaving Dibrugarh next week, to go home *via* the Pacific. Mrs. Gurney is in U.S.A.

Mr. Gurney's great work, the translation of the Assamese Old Testament, will be a constant reminder of him.

May 23.—We have had company; Mr. Jackman came on Saturday P.M. and left on Monday evening. He wanted to talk over some Mission matters with Pitt. Mr. Jackman, and his servant Danish, brought the first little girl from Sadiya to be put in our boarding school.

May 24.—Clara's letter this week tells of her first visit

from her Grandma Traver, and Uncle Ephraim and Aunt Mame McKenna. I am so pleased that they have seen Roland and Clara in their happy home.

May 29.—Pitt went to Lengteng, his farthest village church. He went 60 miles in a covered bullock-cart. On the way out to Lengteng he stopped at Udmari, and while there he baptized three persons and married one couple. Then another night in the cart took him to Lengteng, where he conducted the Sunday services and baptized four persons. Then a night in the cart back to Messa, where he baptized three boys, and a fourth night in the cart brought him back home yesterday morning. The roads are too muddy for him to use his bicycle now.

June 6.—The Revival has certainly brought a wave of blessing to the Nowgong Christians, which has raised them to a higher plane, and the cross of Jesus holds a place in their hearts which it never occupied before. All is quiet now except a good deal of earnest simultaneous prayer aloud in our meetings. We know that something has come into our midst which has made us more earnest, and we cannot help feeling that this is the work of the Holy Spirit.

June 8.—Mother wrote us of her visit to Rochester, Niagara, and Pontiac, Michigan. She enjoyed it all, and was glad she went, but felt tired after it.

Mother was much interested in Rufus' Sunday School in Pontiac, and she says Rufus certainly reaches the people. He has a touch of Nature which is very pleasing, and a quaint, original way of his own.

Mother is now in Albany, N.Y., for three months, while my Bro. Alva Traver and wife have gone to Germany.

June 10.—Yesterday there was the funeral of Mr. Mackenzie, a Tea Planter of this district. He met with an accident in the tea-house, and lived only a few hours after it. His death seems very sad. Several Planters came in for the funeral, and a neat coffin was made by the Public Works Department. My husband conducted the funeral service.

The busy tea season has now begun, and the Planters have a good deal of work in this trying climate. To give some idea of a Tea Planter's work I will copy :—

“ The management of a large tea-garden, with from 600 to 2,000 acres under cultivation, with a labour force which should be at least one-and-a-half persons to the acre, is no sinecure ; and to bring it into ‘ bearing ’ has been the work of many years of hard labour. During the cold season the Planter has had to pitch his tent in the forest of tall sun-grass, and with his coolies, make a clearing around him. The jungle is burned, the land hoed, and the tiny seedlings transplanted four or five feet apart with geometrical precision. These have to be carefully tended, and at the end of two years the tops are cut off. In the cold weather of each year the pruning process is repeated, so that the plants, which would otherwise grow tall and slender, are kept low and bushy, to produce as large a plucking area as possible, for it is usually only the two leaves and a bud from the top of the soft succulent shoot which are plucked for tea. The bud produces the best tea (say Broken Orange Pekoe), the first leaf may become Pekoe, and the next Pekoe Sou-chong, and to the stalk are due those welcome ‘ strangers ’ in the ‘ cup that cheers but not inebriates.’

“ The leaf is carried to the factory, and goes through a few simple processes. First it is spread out thinly on shelves for a single night to be *withered*. Next it is *rolled* for twenty to thirty minutes by machinery, until the leaf is twisted. This twisted, green moist leaf is left

to the action of the air for some hours, the time varying according to the temperature and state of the leaf, until it becomes something like salmon coloured. The process is called *fermentation*, but *oxidisation* would more properly describe it. The fermented leaf is then *dried* by machinery. Air, heated to a high temperature, is drawn through the leaf, causing it to curl up and blacken. This is the last essential process. Afterwards it is merely *sifted* into the different classes and generally *sorted* up and *packed* into lead-lined boxes containing a maund, or 80 lbs. It is then sold in the Calcutta or London market.

“ Each garden has usually a European Manager, with an Assistant Manager. The coolies are mostly imported from various parts of India. Many come from Chota Nagpur. These Mundas and others usually return to their native country after they have saved a little money, though some settle down as farmers in the neighbourhood of the gardens, on that land which, too low and wet for tea, is suitable for rice. The clerks employed are almost invariably Bengali Babus, whose knowledge of English makes them useful in many ways to the Planter.”

• June 12.—Miss Long will go to Darjeeling for three months. She is starting to-day. She needs a little change and rest, and to get away from her 40 girls for a time. The matron, Humitra, is very good and reliable. We will have an oversight of the school and give out medicine, and keep the accounts, etc.

Ten years ago, to-day, occurred the big earthquake, which we shall never forget.

June 16.—We are living “ the simple life.” Nowgong has a fair share of the beauties of Nature : many fine old trees give the station the appearance of a Park. We love the quiet, grassy walks of Nowgong. The centre of the place is given up to the Government buildings.

June 23.—One year ago to-day I started for America to attend Clara's wedding, and to get acquainted with Roland. Also to make my mother a little visit. I am so glad I could go, and could also soon return to Pitt and the work here.

June 26.—Neyai Pandit will go to Jorhat to read in the "Masters' Training Class, Upper Primary and Middle Vernacular" for one year. Guluk will take Neyai's classes in the morning for a time. Nomra and Mary also teach in our school. Neyai will be greatly missed, but we want him to qualify for more advanced work in our school. There are now 60 children in our station school. Neyai will also be missed in our meetings.

A cablegram has just come from Boston. It was sent at 5 P.M. yesterday, and received here at 7 A.M. to-day. The message is concerning Mr. Bowers, and according to the "Code" seems to mean: "Bowers' appointment approved, two years, revised conditions, letter follows." Mr. Bowers has been in another mission in Bengal for five years, and furlough will be due after two more years. Mr. Bowers was at our last Conference, and seems an enthusiastic worker. He has a wife and two small children. Probably he will be located at Goalpara.

July 1.—We have just enjoyed reading reports of the "Baptist Anniversaries" held in Washington. We find the name of Rev. F. W. Harding for Assam. He is a recent graduate from Colgate University.

Assam was represented by Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Rivenburg, and Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Crozier. The "Northern Baptist Convention" was formed. Pres. Roosevelt gave a reception for the 2,000 Baptists in Washington.

July 7.—There was such a good Covenant meeting on Friday P.M. There were 30 women and girls who spoke in the meeting, without any delay or waiting for each other. At the business meeting on Saturday five of Miss Long's girls were received for baptism, and to-day they were all baptized.

July 8.—This is our twenty-eighth wedding anniversary. We thank our Father for all the way in which He has led us, and we want to serve Him better.

July 13.—Mr. Paul is visiting us for a couple of days. He has just been to Tika to make Bro. Penn Moore and wife a visit. Mr. Paul is leaving us to-day by the small feeder steamer.

July 15.—Our school had some closing exercises to-day. Mary and Nomra had trained some of the little ones to recite nicely, and all sing well these days. Mohesor read a good essay on : " Education for Women." The names of the girls who did the best work in sewing were read off. Some good advice was given, etc. There will be only three weeks of vacation this year, as we had so much vacation during the revival in the winter and spring.

July 16.—Pitt left by small steamer to-day to go to Calcutta with Mr. Boggs. They are to attend a meeting in Calcutta to form a " Board of Missions " for Bengal and Assam. They will return from Calcutta next week and stop in Gauhati for the Reference Committee meeting.

July 20.—At our Annual Sunday School Examination 26 girls and a few boys tried the examination questions of the All-India Sunday School Union. The older ones had written, and the younger children had oral examinations.

We have heard of the death of Rev. S. Endle of Tezpur, Assam, which occurred on the 12th July at Dibrugarh. Mr. Endle was Church of England, and has worked faithfully for about 50 years among Europeans and natives in Assam.

July 25.—We do enjoy the good fresh fruit we can always get here. We have had some fairly good mangoes, and now we get delicious pineapples, bananas, and limes. I get lovely flowers from Mrs. McNaught's garden.

Humitra and the girls have had a little scare from some boys who took to night parading. As soon as Humitra got sight of the boys, so I could know who they were, I threatened them with the Police.

Another Tea Planter, Mr. Allman, died of fever in this district, and was buried here on Tuesday.

July 30.—Pitt returned home to-day. He seems tired from the heat and lack of sleep.

July 31.—We are having a visit of a couple of days from Bro. Penn Moore, and are very glad to see him looking so well. He was called in by our Deputy Commissioner to attend some Mikir lawsuit. Charlotte is slowly losing strength. Her extreme weakness seems to make one ear deaf and her sight not so good, but she can still read. Ahini Ayah is looking after her while Penn is away.

August 8.—Bro. Penn Moore hurried back to Charlotte, and found her no worse.

Word has come that the old Mission elephant "Sondermola" (garland of flowers) died on the 4th August. She has served our Mission faithfully for ten years, and will be missed as she carried the mails to Penn and Charlotte.

August 11.—In preaching to-day Pitt tried to enlarge

the minds and hearts of our Assamese Christians. He showed the map of the world and told them especially of China, how she, as a country, is casting off her shackles and welcoming Christianity and schools, etc. Next Sunday Mohesor will tell what he has read of the Morrison Centennial in Shanghai.

August 14.—We now hear a Miss Helen M. Protzman, of Berkeley, California, may come out this Autumn to be Miss Long's associate. Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Bowers have joined our Mission and will locate at Goalpara. We hear there are two new men appointed for Assam, Rev. F. W. Harding and Rev. G. H. Strouse. The Rivenburgs, M. C. Masons and the Firths will return to Assam this Autumn.

August 25.—It is now twenty-eight years since my husband received his appointment to the foreign field. We have never once regretted coming. Our Saviour's "Lo, I am with you" has been fulfilled all along the way.

September 6.—The native Christians of late show more interest in female education. We now have over 40 girls in Miss Long's boarding department, and could get more girls from the villages if our dormitory were larger.

September 11.—The latest annual statistics of our Baptist Mission in Assam are :—

Churches	..	..	..	93
Members	..	..	..	9,006
Added by baptism	..	..	..	925

September 18.—To-day the missionary party will sail for Assam.

It is hard for the parents who are leaving children in the homeland to be educated.

September 20.—We are so used to thinking of Assam as a small country, that it is hard to realise the area of Eastern Bengal and Assam is 106,540 sq. miles, and the population is 31,000,000.

September 26.—Miss Long has just returned from Darjeeling, and is looking remarkably well after her three months in the hills.

She is delighted at the prospect of having Miss Protzman as her associate.

October 11.—This is the twenty-eighth anniversary of our first sailing from New York City. We landed in Calcutta on December 17th, and on December 24th we first stepped on Assam soil at Chilmari, where we left the Brahmaputra river steamer to go to Tura for a short visit.

Nowgong, Assam, was reached on the 16th January, 1880.

Our Father has led us all the way : Psalm 103.



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